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Barry man is sentenced for cyber crimes

A BARRY man, James Frazer-Mann, has received a four-month sentence suspended for 12 months and 180 hours of community service, at Cardiff Crown Court on November 21.

Police reported that between 2013 and 2015 Frazer-Mann paid unidentified online third parties to commit cybercrime offences against several targets which often result in 'Distributed Denial of Service' attacks against websites involved in the financial sector.

Officers from the Tarian Regional Cyber Crime Unit executed a search warrant and interviewed James Frazer-Mann in March 2015 with regards to his activities online when he made significant admissions.

Appearing in Cardiff Crown Court on October 7, Frazer-Mann pleaded guilty to five charges of

intentionally encouraging or assisting the commission of an offence contrary to the Serious Crime Act 2015.

Detective Inspector Paul Peters from Tarian Regional Cybercrime Unit said: "Our mission is to make the people of southern Wales safe."

"Criminal activity conducted online can have far reaching effects on businesses and individuals across the world. This case illustrates our commitment to identify and bring to justice those who commit offences online."

Flooding causes traffic delays

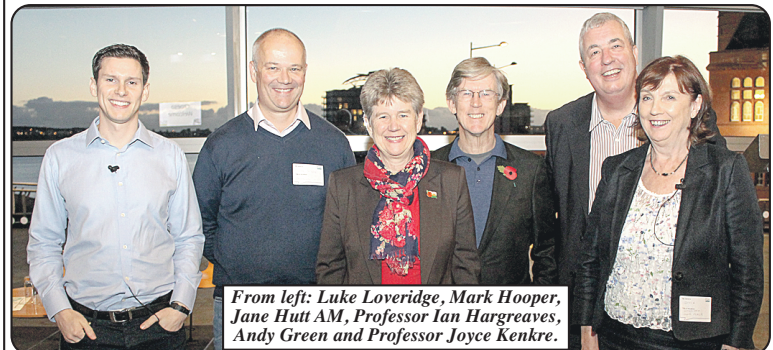
TORRENTIAL rain in Penarth, Dinas Powys, Wenvoe, Rhose and Barry caused traffic delays as some routes were designated 'pass with care' due to excessive amounts of water on road surfaces.

The Vale Council sent out highway teams to make sure roads were passable and safe to use, but there were some temporary diversions.

Among the roads suffering the worst from excessive rain were Sully Moors Road; Fonmon Road and Fontygary Road in Rhose; Caerau Lane, Wenvoe; Westra Lane, Dinas Powys; Lavernock Road, Penarth; and Salisbury Avenue and Pontypridd Road in Barry.

On Monday, the subway leading to St Richard Gwyn School was flooded with three feet of rain water. Pupils left the school at 2.45pm, but were able to return as normal the next day.

Get involved in community life



From left: Luke Loveridge, Mark Hooper, Jane Hutt AM, Professor Ian Hargreaves, Andy Green and Professor Joyce Kenkre.

A BARRY-based community project was one of four projects featured at a special event in the Senedd, showcasing pioneering community schemes across Wales.

The 'Barry IdeasBank', run by not-for-profit social enterprise the Flexible Thinking Forum, is

creating innovative new ways to build 'social capital' to address the problem of fewer people getting involved in civic and community life.

The Senedd event, called 'Can We Build a New Social Capital Agenda?' was a Fellows-led event by the Royal Society for the Encouragement of the Arts, Manufacture & Commerce and was sponsored by Jane Hutt AM.

'Top Christmas fun' planned in Barry!

THE Vale Council's Christmas events programme began last weekend with the Penarth Christmas festival, but this week will see festive lights illuminating the Vale and the launch of the eagerly anticipated Ice Central!

Wherever you live in the Vale, there's something for you. High Street, Barry's Christmas light switch-on takes place this Friday, November 25 with street entertainers, live music, Father

Christmas and the switch-on at 6.30pm.

Ice Central launches the next day, Saturday November 26, at Central Park which will become Barry's first ever ice rink. The undercover rink will open after the annual Christmas light switch-on at King Square at 5pm and it continues until Sunday, December 4. The Dickensian Christmas fayre will take place in Dinas Powys on December 2 in the old village.

Llantwit Major Christmas light switch-on is this Saturday,

November 26 with live music, stalls, a children's craft area and a free Santa's grotto. The lights go on at 7pm.

St Athan Christmas light switch-on is set for Sunday, November 27. There will be street entertainment, fairground rides and a brass band on show in the village. The lights go on at 5pm.

Cowbridge Reindeer Parade takes place on Sunday November 27 with the switch-on of the town's lights and a firework display at 5.15pm.

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'Dogs ban in public areas is undemocratic'

IREFER to Coun Riley's proposal that dogs should be banned from playing fields, due to the suspected problem of fouling.

I assume that we are talking about open public access land, rather than school playing fields?

This public land may be used for half a day a week for sports and long may that continue – it is great to see people of all ages having fun.

Dog owning, and the necessary daily exercise each animal needs, is probably the largest single pastime enjoyed

by all ages in the country.

Dogs need to run, not just taken for walks on a lead. To suggest that dogs should be excluded from public land (which is paid for by the tax payer) is both illogical and undemocratic.

Incidentally, how many cases of human ill health have been documented as due to infection from dog poo? I suspect virtually none.

Every day, I find cans and bottles discarded on the local fields – potentially dangerous especially when chewed up by the grass mowers.

Perhaps we should ban these users as well? **Trevor Honychurch, Llantwit Major.**

Is the X91 being driven off the road?

IWRITE in the hope that the management of Cardiff Bus's sister company – Capital Links – read your letter pages, as they are either not receiving – or ignoring – my attempts to get their attention via email and social media.

Since they took on the X91 route between Llantwit Major and Cardiff in September, the service has gone downhill.

They claim to have made timetable improvements, but for the last two weeks alone, it has been late on the evening return

journeys every day, by over an hour at one point, and has now started skipping its source stop at Churchill Way.

This is a limited service (a handful of buses each day), with a small but loyal group of regular commuters.

It used to be a reliable express service. I honestly think that transferring the route, and the service degradation since, is an attempt to drive the passengers to alternative routes so that the X91 can be killed off.

That's how it feels.

Would the management care to comment? **Mr Scott Hill, Barry.**

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'We must stay on guard against child bullying'

NOVEMBER 14-18 was Anti-Bullying Week, an awareness campaign to raise the profile of the work being done to combat bullying across the UK and signpost the support services on offer to those being bullied.

While no one likes to think of their children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, pupils or even friends being bullied, it is sadly a daily occurrence for thousands of children across Wales. It is as much of a concern to children and young people now as it was a generation ago.

Whether you're a parent, carer or professional, or a young person, there is help and support available.

Take some time to learn about the tell-tale signs of bullying and the resources available to help those young people affected.

Bullying takes on many forms today and in the case of cyber bullying, is often faceless. This can undoubtedly make recognising the signs and uncovering the problem more difficult. Most

common signs include anxiety, irritability and, in some instances, a lack of appetite, although these vary from case to case and some signs are more difficult to spot.

For readers who recognise some of these signs in their children or any young people they know, take the time to speak to them about it and reassure them that help is available.

For more information on the signs to look out for and advice on how to support victims of bullying, visit Meic, the information, advice and advocacy helpline for children and young people on 080880 23456 or contact my independent Investigation and Advice Service for free on 0808 801 1000.

Too many children and young people report everyday experiences of bullying.

Let's work together to ensure that they learn and live in schools and communities where they feel safe, so that each and every one can reach their full potential.

Sally Holland,
Children's Commissioner for Wales.

No red-letter day for library service

THE responsibility for the running of Dinas Powys Library has now been transferred from the council to a community group of volunteers. And we are expected to rejoice!

Councillors Hatton and Franks appear to be proud of their achievement in convincing a few citizens to relieve the council of their legal duty to provide a professional library service on a long-term, reliable service.

How long will these good citizens provide their unqualified labour? And if they do, are they going to offer to collect the refuse, or run the Parks next?

Rhoose Library has not even transferred yet, but the permanent staff have been removed and the library has failed to open on more than one occasion.

These changes were proposed to make cost savings that are so small when compared to other council excesses.

What we have lost in the enjoyment and education of our community will never be regained.

Steve Reed,

Rhoose.

'Thank you to the Princess of Wales'

IWOULD like to thank all the medical staff and housekeeping staff at the Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend, who were very kind to me and helpful during my short stay in Block M Ward 8 (Blue).

Keith Owen,
North Cornell.

Can you help us meet a Christmas challenge at the Amelia Trust Farm?

CAN you help ensure that a young vulnerable person has access to Animal Assisted Therapy and make their Christmas and New Year a happier one?

This year, Amelia Trust Farm is taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge where we need to raise £7,000 online during a 72-hour window to assist us with our Animals Supporting Vulnerable People Project. Any donation made between midday on Tuesday, November 29 and midday on Friday, December 2 will be doubled during this time!

"Christmas is a time for giving and thinking of others. If all our supporters gave just £5 we would reach our target which will help to make a real difference to someone's life.

We will also be holding a special Interactive Nativity on December 14 at 4.30pm. The Farm's donkeys, sheep and other animals

give a nice touch of reality to the annual event, which is being organised by the farm's Chaplain, Rev Delyth Liddell.

We are also pleased to announce that Father Christmas will be visiting the Farm to meet children on December 3, 10 and 17 between 12pm and 2pm and there will be fun festive trails for everyone to enjoy.

Amelia Trust Farm is a registered charity which supports disadvantaged and vulnerable people through alternative education and community engagement.

There are no restrictions placed on who can benefit from our aims.

The young people we support come to us from a variety of backgrounds and often display challenging behaviour. Setting the feet of a young person on the right path is priceless.

Karen Turnbull,
Amelia Trust Director
www.ameliatrufarm.org.uk
telephone 01446 782030.

'Thank you for finding my watch'

IWOULD appreciate your help in thanking the people leaving Cadoxton Station on Saturday night, who found my watch in a taxi and phoned the A2B taxi company's office.

Also, the man in the taxi office, who put two and two together, and rang me to let me know my watch had been found.

And a special thank you to the driver, who not only collected my watch, but delivered it to my door on Sunday.

What can I say, but thank you?
Mrs Rachel Robinson, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL DECEMBER 1)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
24 Thur	02.24	8.1	14.53	8.3
25 Fri	03.26	8.5	15.51	8.6
26 Sat	04.14	8.7	16.36	8.9
27 Sun	04.58	9.0	17.17	9.2
28 Mon	05.35	9.3	17.53	9.6
29 Tues	06.11	9.7	18.24	9.6
30 Wed	06.43	9.6	18.58	9.5
01 Thur	07.17	9.6	19.31	9.6

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'Stop using bland street names at developments!' – says councillor

A Barry Island councillor has urged the Vale Council and developers to avoid "bland and cretinous names" when they consider the words attributed to local streets and roads.

Responding to a council report which addressed the issue, Coun Steffan Wiliam, said greater thought should be given when roads are named.

He explained: "The report refers to the naming of streets. This is a very important point when trying to give a unique selling point to an area – I was appalled at the council's lack of imagination in its naming of the streets at the Waterfront – Portland Drive, Mariners Walk!

"My disgust with these names was only matched by the way that certain officers of the council failed to acknowledge, and simply ignored, suggestions

made by councillors after consulting with local people and historians and presented these useless names as a fait accompli.

"Suggestions included ones named after the pits in the Rhondda that served the docks here. These are easy to pronounce, not too long and not yet in existence."

Coun Wiliam listed some of the well known pit names in the Rhondda including Hafod, Cymmer, Penygraig, Pentre, Tydaw, Maendy, Dinas, Pandy, Nantgwyn and Parc, and pointed out that combined with 'Heol', 'Ffordd', 'Rhodfa' and 'Clos', new names could emphasise Barry's historical connection to the Rhondda through the coal trade.

Coun Wiliam added: "Using these sorts of names would avoid bland and cretinous names such as Bramble Way or Princess Kate Court."

Police raid nets £30k drugs haul

DRUGS worth an estimated £30,000 were recovered during a series of raids in Barry after officers executed warrants at three addresses on Burns Crescent in the Colcot area of the town on Friday, November 11.

Police stated that a significant amount of a cocaine and cannabis was recovered along with thousands of pounds in cash. Two men, aged 22 and 19, and a 25-year-old woman, all from Barry, were arrested on suspicion of possessing Class A and Class B drugs

with the intent to supply.

All three had been bailed pending further inquiries.

Detective Sergeant Julian Kerslake commented: "Drugs continue to blight our local communities, and we are determined to do all we can to rid the streets of them.

"We hope these raids will serve as a warning to others involved in illegal drug activity that their actions will not be tolerated and it is only a matter of time until we turn up at their door."

Anyone with any information should contact South Wales Police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Traditional Nativity festival in Penarth

ELFED Avenue United Church will be holding a Christmas Nativity festival displaying many different Nativity scenes from around the world.

What better way to put 'Christ back into Christmas' than to go back to when He was born in a simple stable?

The festival will be open from 2pm–7pm on

Thursday, December 1; 10am–5pm on Friday, December 2, and on Saturday, December 3, 'Breakfast with Santa' will commence at 9am with a visit from Santa during breakfast (and a gift for each child) with the festival continuing from 12pm–5pm on that day.

The festival will be on view again on Sunday, December 4 from 12pm–4pm after Sunday worship at 10.30am.

Tea/coffee will be available throughout the opening times for all who come along.

There will also be a craft fair on Saturday, December 3 to help with Christmas presents. Advance booking for the popular 'Breakfast with Santa' is essential.

The cost will be £3 per person, so to reserve your place please telephone 07935 926309. MS

Drop-in event for energy bills advice

BARRY residents will be able to get free advice to energy bills at a drop-in event in December.

The Welsh Government Warm Homes Nest scheme will be at Barry Library, Kings Square, on Monday and Tuesday, December 12 and 13 from 10am to 2pm.

People who receive a means tested benefit and live in a home that is hard to heat may also be eligible for free home energy efficiency improvements from Nest. These may include a replacement boiler, central heating system or insulation.

Nest can be contacted on Freephone 0808 808 2244 or visit www.nestwales.org.uk for advice on reducing energy bills and to find out if you qualify for a package of free home energy efficiency improvements.

RNLI volunteer at Remembrance Day service...

Marc Gibbons, deputy coxswain, at the Guards Memorial on Horse Guards Road.

MARC GIBBONS from Barry travelled to London to represent the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in the annual Remembrance Sunday Cenotaph service, marking the first time in history the charity has been officially represented.

Marc, a deputy coxswain at Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat, is one of 19 people from across the UK and Ireland who represented the RNLI in the official Remembrance Sunday commemoration in London's Whitehall on November 13.

The service is a poignant event in which thousands of people gather to remember the sacrifices people have made throughout history, to safeguard the memory of those who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Paul Boissier, chief



executive of the RNLI, said that to be invited to formally take part on Remembrance Sunday was both an honour and a privilege: "Like so many other associations, the RNLI played its part in the two World Wars. Apart from the many volunteers who went off to fight, many lifeboats joined the flotilla of 'Little Ships' to pull off the audacious evacuation from Dunkirk in 1940. "It fills me with immense pride that were formally represented in the Cenotaph service as part of the annual commemoration."

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BARRY BREXIT MEETING PLANNED

THERE are plenty of opportunities for Barry after Brexit, and I want the views of local residents and businesses to help shape the way the Conservatives respond to Britain leaving the EU.

However, you voted on June 23, it's vital that we all pull together to ensure that the Government gets the best possible deal for the UK and for Wales, but this could also be great news for Barry.

The old EU maps were drawn in such a way that made it very difficult for Barry to qualify for EU money, and when we lost regeneration status, it was a huge blow for economic development in the area.

We have an opportunity to shape new schemes for the post-Brexit world, and to make sure that Barry regains its regeneration status!

On Monday, December 5, I'll be hosting a public meeting at St David's Methodist Church on Winston Road, at 7pm. Please come along and have your say.
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Andrew RT Davies, Leader of the Welsh Conservatives – Regional AM

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BTS lifts Marie Curie charity



BARRY Training Services Ltd (BTS) from Wales has donated £1,000 – to raise funds in aid of Marie Curie this Christmas and for the Great Daffodil Appeal.

Each year, BTS purchase personalised stationery that they send to their customers – but this year decided the money would be put to better use and donated it to charity.

The cash will help Marie Curie Nurses at the Penarth hospice provide vital care and support for local people living with a terminal illness, and their families, helping them make the most of the time they have together.

Over Christmas, they will spend time away from their own loved ones to care for people living with a terminal illness, in their own home.

Christmas can be an especially difficult time for people with a

terminal illness. The Marie Curie Support Line (0800 090 2309) provides free, confidential support and practical information and will be open throughout the festive period – including Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Sean Boyle of BTS said: "Each year, as a thank you for their custom, we send out personalised stationery to our customers, I felt that this year, we should do something more positive, and Marie Curie came to mind."

"After the fantastic care that my grandfather received from them, I wanted to make sure that we could give something back. By sending out these daffodils to our customers this Christmas, we are not only showing our support for Marie Curie, but hopefully highlighting their impact to other people too – and encouraging them to support when the Great Daffodil Appeal comes around in February".

Cylch Meithrin children welcome Pudsey Bear!



CYLCH Meithrin Bethesda at Colcot sports centre, Barry, had a special visit from Pudsey Bear and raised £40 by wearing pyjamas for the day in aid of Children in Need.

Barry school's young film makers at Senedd

A RECENT event in the Senedd showcased the work of Into Film Cymru, an education charity that puts film at the heart of children's and young people's learning and cultural experience.

Pupils from Cadoxton Primary and Ysgol Y Draig who have engaged with the Into Film programme met Vale AM Jane Hutt at the Senedd who said: "I was delighted to sponsor this event at the Senedd

Jane Hutt with pupils.



highlighting the value of creative learning in Wales. I was also pleased to meet the pupils who told me more about an exciting film they produced called 'Cadoxton Catastrophe'.

Rotary Club of Barry lunch raises £300 for victims of the Haiti hurricane

ON November 17 the Rotary Club of Barry held an international charity lunch in the Memorial Hall, Barry which raised over £300 for charity.

President Robin Pitcher said that the profit would go to support those affected by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. He thanked everyone who attended for their continued invaluable support, making such events possible.

Following on from the

success of the annual Fireworks Fiesta on November 5 on Barry Island, the club will continue the busy autumn programme; supporting the Dinas Powys Dickensian Fair in December, providing monthly donations to the Vale Foodbank, and holding a Christmas concert in December for senior citizens.

The Club meets weekly in the Glenbrook Inn on Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm. New members welcome. More details are available from secretary Phil Hunt, on 01446 720000, or visit ribi.org.

Highlight Park WI round-up

AS I write, Christmas is just around the corner and we at the WI are looking forward to our festive meetings.

At the afternoon meeting on December 6, we will be making Christingles with the guidance of Jean Thomas.

This is a tradition which originated in Germany in 1747. At that time it was just a ribbon wrapped around a candle, but has developed into a more elaborate creation.

There will be an orange and a candle which represents the world and the light of the world and various fruits and nuts representing the fruits of the earth.

At our Tuesday evening meeting this month, our guest speaker, (in his own words) storyteller extraordinaire Phil Carradice took us back in time to life before computers and devices when he lived as a child with his parents and two sisters. Wireless meant a radio with only two stations, the Home Service and BBC Light Programme.

In particular, the family looked forward to a certain programme called *Journey into Space* which was the highlight of the week.

Leaving Pembroke Dock and after several years of study and rugby playing at Cardiff College of Education, he became involved in teaching. He told us that one day he had to keep 48 children occupied for more than two hours.

Feeling daunted he took up with the idea of asking the kids to suggest an idea for a story. They came up with idea of a story about a vampire.

This inspired his imagination and he created a compelling story of Ivan, a

Romanian shift worker who was to become a lodger at his home. Holding us spellbound the ladies of the WI were enthralled by the story with its intriguing twist at the end.

Coming up will be our trip to Gloucester Quays for Christmas shopping in its retail outlet and on December 20, we will have our Christmas party.

Our New Year meal has been booked for January 27 at the Six Bells Inn, Penmark.

Next year, we have lots of exciting venues to visit so come along and join in the fun and friendship at Highlight Park WI (near Tesco). You will be made very welcome.

At our sewing club meetings, we raise money to support Pooncholai, a charity founded by a local lady to help a children's school in India. We sell the handmade items and the proceeds and donations go to India to the trust, to help the children in need there.

The registration system was explained at our November meeting with the latest news about Denman House. Four new ladies came along for a taster session and we hope they enjoyed our meeting. New resolutions will be finalised by January 30 and members were advised to bring along their WI Life magazines to the next meeting.

We meet at Highlight Community Centre (near Tesco), Highlight Park, Barry as follows: first Tuesday afternoon of the month 2pm – 4pm for various interesting events including quizzes, demonstrations etc. Every Thursday afternoon 2pm – 4pm for a knit and natter.

Third Tuesday of each month 7pm – 9.30pm, which is the main meeting and we have speakers coming in.

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Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 2nd December 2016	Station Road from its junction with Britway Road adjacent to The Square, to the vehicle access to the Star Hotel (both sides of The Twyn).	5.00pm to 9.30pm
	Local diversions shall be in place via The Mount and Britway Road.	

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Dated this 24th day of November 2016

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
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Callum's calendar photographs and other images were recently featured at the Travellers' Gallery.

Immortalising the wonderful views of Barry and its island

LOCAL
photographer
Callum Hamilton is well known in Barry for his annual calendar, a visual homage to the town and its wonderful sights.

Callum arrived in south Wales from England in the 1980s.

by GEM REPORTER

He explained: "I went to UWIST in Cardiff in the 1980s and while I was there I first visited Barry, so I've known the place for over 30 years."

"When in Cardiff, I met my partner and she is from Barry. We lived in Kent for a few years but once we started a family we decided to return to Barry and have been here for almost 18 years now."

Callum is always keen to do something new each year with his calendar.

"Photography has been an interest of mine virtually my entire life and in particular I enjoy shooting outdoors."

"Barry with its variable, interesting and attractive coast, along with its parks, in particular Porthkerry, provides plenty of subject matter. That it's within walking distance is a bonus to boot!"

"As for this year's shots there are a number of factors at play, as there are every year."

"My aim is always to make Barry look good! I don't want the calendar to be too similar to previous editions but at the same time there are some places that I feel

simply must feature such as Whitmore Bay and Porthkerry."

"So I'm always on the look-out to shoot the familiar and recognisable but perhaps from a new angle or in dramatic light."

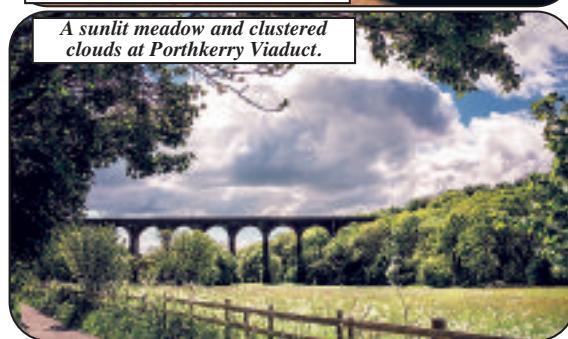
"But I like to include a few different locations from year to year. This time, for example, I've included the town hall and, of course, Barry's newest attraction, the ferris wheel."

"The other main factor is to show a variety of light and the different seasons."

The calendar is currently available at: Cwtch Coffee, 94 High Street; King Square Post Office, 160 Holton Road; The Lake Shop by The Knap Gardens; Marco's at Barry Island and Porthkerry Park; Selley's new One Stop on Park Crescent; Travellers in Mind at Barry Station; and Bay5 on the Island.



The Docks Entrance, Jackson's Bay.



A sunlit meadow and clustered clouds at Porthkerry Viaduct.



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Barry's Leighton delivers his directorial debut!

A Barry film maker has taken his first step into the world of directing – and his debut effort will close the Wexford Film Festival.

Leighton Spence, from Barry, has been active in the film industry since graduating from University of Wales Aberystwyth, working on projects like *Sherlock*, but *By Any Means* is his first directorial credit, and brings the Wexford Film Festival to a close on November 27.

By Any Means, a Triverture Films production, is the story of Mimi Wyatt (Brooke Burfitt), a C-list celebrity famous for her kiss and tell stories, who gets kidnapped after a night-club appearance.

Her kidnapper, Frank Watson (Thomas Gipson), holds her hostage for a ransom of \$123,000.

He is a desperate man in need of cash to

by GARETH JAMIESON



save his terminally ill daughter.

Mimi must work out how to raise the money, but will the police believe her

version of events?

The film also stars American reality show stars Jonathan Cheban (Keeping Up With The

Kardashians) and Michelle Money (The Bachelorette).

Leighton said: "I really enjoyed the chance to conduct the orchestra rather than playing an instrument, and to try and tell the story in the way that I saw it."

The director is looking forward to attending the film premiere and a Q&A session later this month:

"It is the first festival for both Wexford and myself, so hopefully we can help each other through it!"

For more information about the film, you can visit the website www.byanymeans2016.com, and follow Triverture Films on Twitter @triverturefilms.

Tickets are also still available for the film festival at www.wexfordfilmfestival.com.

Men's Forum learns all about autism

THE speaker at last week's meeting of the Barry Men's Forum at Trinity Presbyterian church hall was Patrica Coultard, who gave an enlightening talk about autism.

She had previously spoken to the Forum ten years ago and reported that in the intervening years, the understanding of autism had developed enormously. In 2008, Wales had been the first country in the world to prepare an 'Autism Spectrum Disorder Plan' and was presently enabling the health, education, and social services to co-ordinate their treatment of neurodiversity, as it is now being termed, in a holistic manner, with funding being shared.

Pat explained that it is a lifelong developmental disability that affects, how people perceive the world and interact with others, and she explained it as the 'brain

being wired differently'. Autistic people see, hear and feel the world differently to others, and if you are autistic, you are so for life. She confirmed that autism is not an illness or disease, so cannot be cured.

All autistic people share certain difficulties, but being autistic will affect them in different ways. Autism is a spectrum condition, of which Asperger's Syndrome is but one of its many forms.

The next meeting is on the 1st December, when George Brady will be talking about the "Secrets of a Private Eye"

New members are very welcome at £2 per meeting, which includes light refreshments, starts at 10.15am until noon. The Forum meets at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall every Thursday morning.

For further information, contact the chairman, Mac Tanner, on 01446 743455.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

SMALL businesses form the economic and social backbone of towns across Wales, and the Vale of Glamorgan is no exception.

They provide employment, enhance community networks and give our High Streets, and thus our towns, their unique character.

We are rapidly approaching the annual day when we celebrate small business and encourage everyone to use them.

This year's Small Business Saturday will take place on December 3, and I encourage everyone in the Vale to take the opportunity to take a Christmas shopping trip to their local High Street and support local traders.

We cannot afford to be complacent about preserving our High Streets, however, and as well as your support as shoppers, they need support from government.

As you may be aware, many small businesses in the Vale are likely to see their costs go up as a result of the periodic revaluation of business rates.

Cowbridge is being particularly badly hit by this revaluation, with the new values expected to be 25 per cent higher for the town, having a knock-on impact on business rates.



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

attention of the public and of politicians.

Business rates policy is devolved to the Welsh Government, and I have long supported Welsh Conservative calls for higher rate relief thresholds, effectively a tax cut, for small businesses.

The impending rate increase as a result of revaluation and the imminent arrival of a generous rate-relief package for small business in England means that action must be taken urgently.

From April onwards in England, small businesses with a rateable value under £12,000 will get 100 per cent relief, effectively exempting them from rates, and those with a rateable value between £12,000 and £15,000 will receive tapered relief.

If this were to apply in Wales, many businesses in Cowbridge currently struggling with rates would pay none at all and many others would qualify for relief for the first time.

A business such as the Cowbridge's Food Health Co, which will pay business rates of £4,578 in 2017-18 would pay absolutely nothing across the border in England.

Let's keep the Vale's High Streets Open for Business, please shop local on Small Business Saturday and show your support for better business rate relief.

On the fashionable Eastgate end of the town's high street, rateable values are set to increase by as much as 45 per cent.

You may have seen the campaign against high rates organised by Cowbridge traders in the GEM over recent weeks.

The traders' campaign is led by the impressive and tireless Sally Stephenson of The Pencil Case stationery store.

She has succeeded in bringing this issue to the

Animal Trust's £10,000 grant

THE Vale-based SHUA Trust has received a £10,000 capital grant from Support Adoption For Pets, the animal charity, to purchase two new cat enclosures.

SHUA, also known as Safe House For Unwanted Animals Trust, operates a 24-hour emergency helpline, a website for advice and an emergency rescue and rehabilitation service for stray, sick, injured and unidentified cats and kittens. It provides vet treatment until each animal can be re-homed.

Support Adoption For Pets is an independent charity established by Pets at Home in 2006; see www.supportadoptionforpets.co.uk.

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Group's paths of glory for the Vale volunteers

VALEWAYS gave its own thanksgiving celebration meal recently to say a big thank you to its own team of volunteer path clearers – people who turn out weekly to maintain the public footpaths of the Vale.

Twenty one volunteers piled into the Cwm Ciddy in Barry for a hearty carvery lunch after an energetic morning spent working on the Roman Road from Cowbridge to St Hilary.

Among the volunteers were six members from Scope who join enthusiasts from the general community on a weekly basis.

"We are really grateful to all our regulars for the amazing work they do, hacking back undergrowth, fixing signs and stiles, and just keeping the

beautiful footpaths of the Vale open," said Valeways volunteer co-ordinator, Rebecca Exley.

"They are our unsung heroes. People do enjoy themselves though – some see it as a kind of green gym, where you keep fit, have some good company and fun, and do a great community service of keeping the arteries of the Vale open.

"It's really what our charity is about – so we're immensely grateful to them."

After the blow-out, it'll be back to business as usual, with planned path-clearing work to an overgrown path parallel to the railway line between Llandow and Sutton Farm.

If you'd like to be part of the team, or to find out more, contact Rebecca @valeways.org.uk.

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Ramblers enjoy two Sunday jaunts

THE Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers enjoyed two walks – to Mynydd Machen and Sirhowy Valley on Sunday – one of 10 miles and one of 7.5 miles.

With walk leaders Gwion and Del. We climbed to the trig point at Mynydd Machen 362m, for coffee break and afterwards walked through some beautiful deciduous and evergreen forest footpaths and finally along the banks of the Rhymney River back to Machen.

Despite the heavy overnight rain, there was a minimum of mud and

underfoot was a carpet of glorious autumn colour. Gwent stiles were in good condition and we only found one where we could try out the latest Pathwatch app.

Get your apps downloaded, we will certainly need them in the Vale! If you would like to get out walking please see our website for contact details: www.valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk You can also visit and like our Facebook page for notifications.

Next walk, Sunday, November 27, Hidden Valley, meeting point Llantwit Major Railway Station at 9.30am.

JACKIE BRETT

CAVC scoops diversity award



From left: Barnfield College principal Tim Eyton-Jones presenting the award to CAVC principal and chief executive Mike James and learning support co-ordinator James Donaldson.

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) has been named Welsh Further Education (FE) Provider of the Year by the National Centre for Diversity.

The award recognises CAVC as one of the best FE institutions in the UK for encouraging an all-encompassing culture of equality, diversity and inclusion. It was also placed 25th out of the National Centre for Diversity's Top 50 UK colleges.

Judges found that the college has demonstrated a real and tangible commitment to equality and diversity and works for continual improvement.

CAVC principal and chief executive Mike James said: "We are delighted to receive this award as it highlights the excellent work we do across the college to support equality by breaking down barriers to opportunity and

celebrating diversity within our community."

The college also scooped the 'College of the Year' award for the second consecutive year at Wales Insider Business and Education Partnership Awards 2016.

CAVC was up for five awards at the ceremony and proved victorious, in not only in the 'College of the Year' category, but also the 'Economic Impact' award.

Mary Kent, vice principal, said: "To have been shortlisted for awards in such a diverse range of categories, and to have come away with two, demonstrates the scope of work that we're doing with businesses."

"As a college we have developed meaningful partnerships with employers that support their change and growth through the development and upskilling of their workforces."

Marking 'Carers' Rights Day' at Penarth hospice

TO mark Carers' Rights Day, the Carers' Café at the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth, takes as its theme 'Missing out? Know your rights as a carer'.

It decided to adopt the theme on November 29 following Carers' Rights Day, which takes place on November 25.

Susan Court, project manager, said: "Each year, Carers Rights' Day brings organisations across the UK together to help carers in their local community know their rights and find out how to get the help and support they are entitled to."

"At the café, we will joined by a benefits advisor from Tenovus Cancer

Care and carers will be able to have their questions answered in a relaxed environment while enjoying afternoon tea and cakes."

The café was set up as part of the Marie Curie and Big Lottery funded Caring for Carers project and is held on the first and last Tuesdays of each month at the newly-refurbished hospice day unit.

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ICANNOT start this column without making reference to the recent atrocious weather conditions and the flooding that occurred in the county and the tragedy that occurred to the residents who were flooded, which for some, was not the first time.

I cannot comprehend how dreadful that can be, particularly as plans were in place to alleviate the problems in many areas including Boverton – where work was about to start in the New Year.

It's an absolute travesty that the schemes were changed so many times and revamped over the last several years and have yet to come to fruition.

Despite the work and effort to help those affected by the flooding from the emergency services and our workforce, the devastation from unexpected and exceptional weather phenomena could not be abated.

Our thoughts and sympathy must be with those affected, especially as we are approaching Christmas and the New Year.

FESTIVE EVENTS

With reference to that festive period, the end of November always signals the start of the council's Christmas events programme.

The Christmas period is a vital time for local traders and small businesses and so we commit great time and resources each year to helping bring as many shoppers as possible to local stores and cafes.

Perhaps it is poignant to note that this weekend is 'small business weekend' and we will do everything we can to help promote this through our Town Centre Development Officer and his colleagues from the events team.

As part of that work the events programme has grown and diversified in recent years and so in 2016, more than ever, there really is something for everyone.

The annual Christmas light switch on is a key date in the calendar of many families.

Penarth town centre has beaten everyone to the punch – or perhaps the mulled wine! – this year by holding their event on 19 November.

I'm told the rain did nothing to dissuade people from turning out but if you missed it, do not worry as there are many more events planned for this coming weekend.

Friday, November 25, will see the lights go on at High Street in Barry.

There will be festive street entertainers, a lantern trail, and live music from 4pm as the countdown begins to the Barry Town's first light switch-on.

Then on Saturday, November 26, the centre of Llantwit Major will be transformed with stalls, live music, a children's craft area and a free Santa's grotto ahead of the lights switch on at 7pm.

The following day (Sunday, November 27) will see St Athan's Christmas lights switched on at 5pm.

The street entertainment, fairground rides and a brass band on offer in the village will make it a tough choice between this event and the ever-popular Cowbridge Reindeer Parade, which takes place on the same day.

The famous parade, with all its usual ceremony, will precede the switch-on of the Cowbridge Christmas lights at 5:15pm. I have also been advised that it will be well worth staying for the firework display that will follow the parade.

Another highlight of the 2016 winter events programme, and certainly the newest addition, will be the launch of Ice Central at Barry's Central Park on Saturday night, November 26.

As GEM readers will already be aware, the park is due to become home to Barry's first ever ice rink.

The undercover rink will open after the annual Christmas light switch-on at King Square at 5pm. The Ice Central rink will open at 5.30pm on Saturday, November 26, and then every day from Sunday, November 27 to Sunday December 4.

There will be late night events on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays. Prices will start from £3 and a family ticket will be available for £10.

Ice Central is the Vale of Glamorgan Council's attempt to build on the huge success of the Christmas light projection shows in 2014 and 2015.

SUCCESSSES

These two previous Christmas celebrations proved to us that the right events can attract huge numbers of people to Barry's town centre, at the time of year when traders most need it.

We are, therefore, trying something new for 2016 and building on those previous successes with an event that lasts for over a week, rather than just an evening as we have in the past.

We hope that this will mean that as well as providing even more festive fun for families from

the Vale and beyond we will be able to provide a boost to local traders by bringing even more shoppers to their doorsteps.

Ice Central, is being delivered in partnership with Mack Events, the team behind the hugely successful Glastonbary events, will offer seasonal food, drinks and live music as well as of course family friendly ice skating. I highly recommend that you take some time between now and December 4 to pay it a visit.

And, of course, it is not only traders in Barry that the Council is working to support. We are playing our part in a number of initiatives to get shoppers shopping locally.

Firstly, a special late night shopping event is being held in Penarth on Thursday, December 1.

As well as festive special offers, there will be Christmas-themed refreshments and live music and of course carol singers to get shoppers into the spirit.

The annual Dickensian Christmas Fayre returns to the old village square in Dinas Powys on Friday, December 2, bringing with it a host of stalls, selling crafts, cards, food AND drink, and gifts.

A similar 'Crafts for Christmas' event will take place at St Donats Castle on Sunday, December 4.

Finally, festive crafts, art, food and music make up the offering at Barry High Street's first Christmas Artisan Market, which will run from 10am to 5pm on Saturday December 10.

I sincerely hope that this year's efforts will prove successful, not only in providing great days out for families as we all know they will, but also in giving a seasonal shot in the arm for our town centre businesses.

As this is likely to be my last column before the festivities and whether or not you are able to attend any of the events listed earlier, may I take this opportunity of wishing everyone in the Vale of Glamorgan and any readers to this column a very 'Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year'.

Free SAGE tests at The Penarth Practice

MORE people in Britain now die of dementia than any other cause of death, the Office of National Statistics has announced.

Dementia and Alzheimer disease has replaced ischaemic heart diseases as the leading cause of death in England and Wales, accounting for 11.6 per cent of all deaths registered in 2015.

A Penarth Clinic is now offering free tests to help spot the signs early, and a free dementia solutions consultation, depending on the results.

Gareth Strangemore-Jones of The Penarth Practice, said: "There are now more than 1.4 million people in Britain with Alzheimer's or dementia. While costs to individuals, to families and to the NHS and Social Services are spiralling, more and more urgency is being applied to find solutions."

"We are offering free SAGE tests using what is now worldwide-accepted indicator of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) developed by the University of Ohio, USA. SAGE stands for self administered gerocognitive examination, and it is the latest weapon in the war against Alzheimer's disease. The tests can be taken at The Penarth Practice's clinics at Mayberry Pharmacy and Redlands Doctors' Surgery. Depending on the results, there is also a free consultation to discuss options to move forward as positively as possible."

"SAGE sounds complicated, but it's actually a simple, written exam of just 15 questions completed in about 15 minutes."

For more information or to book, call 02921 409218 or contact The Penarth Practice at Mayberry Pharmacy or Redlands Surgery, Penarth, or visit www.thepenarthpractice.com.

Vale scheme is 'Highly Commended' in awards



Exhibition captures experiences of breast cancer

AN exhibition that aims to capture the experiences of breast cancer through art, has opened at the Health Gallery, University Hospital Llandough (UHL).

'Breast Cancer: a creative intervention' is the work of artist Jac Saorsa as part of the Drawing Women's Cancer project, and was officially opened by Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Coun Monica Walsh.

It aims to enhance awareness and understanding of breast cancer, and empathy with those who suffer, and with those who care for them. It is hoped that reflecting their experiences will change the way that cancer is 'seen' and understood in general and it will have a positive effect on how

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Chefs' Night Out for Ty Hafan

TOP chefs from across the UK are busy cooking up secret menus for an exclusive foodie fundraiser - a Chefs' Night Out at St David's Hotel in Cardiff Bay on February 4, 2017 - in support of children's hospice Ty Hafan at Sully.

For one night only, each table will be treated to a meal cooked by one of the chefs - but the diners won't know who is cooking for them or see their menu until service begins on the night.

Adding a special twist to this exclusive dining experience, chefs will also be offering themselves off-menu in an after-dinner auction. Attendees will bid for a chef - then whisk them away to cater for a dinner party for 10 at their home at a later date.

Hywel Jones - Lucknam Park; Stephen Terry - The Hardwick; Will Holland - Coast Saundersfoot; Mark Jordan - Ocean, Jersey;

Tomos Parry - Kittie Fishers; Alistair Barsby - The Grove, Narberth; Sian Wyn Owen - River Cafe; Phil Carmichael - Berners Tavern; Juan Galvez - Marbella Club; Ludo Dieumegard - The Harbourmaster; David Kelman - Ellenborough Park; Larkin Cen - Cen; Richard Davies - Epicure; Hrishikesh Desai - Gilpin Hotel and Lake House; Andrew Birch - Fishmore Hall and Simon Padilla - Puente Romano.

Organisers David Loosemore and Huw Edwards, who started Chefs' Night Out to raise funds for the children's hospice and the vital support it provides for life-limited children and their families. The event has raised in excess of £450,000 since its inception in 2010. David and Huw are hoping the 2017 gala dinner will see the amount raised smash through the £500,000 barrier.

Attendees will pay £2,500 per table to take part, with all proceeds going to Ty Hafan; email info@chefsnightout.co.uk.

Annette Gee (local businesswoman, runs Task Force Paintball and manages Inspiring the Vale on behalf of the council); Neville Reyner (Chair of Investment in Young People, UK-wide); Alun Cairns MP; Margot James MP (Small Business Minister) and Natasha Davies (Creative Rural Communities).

'INSPIRING the Vale', a bursary scheme supporting young entrepreneurs in the area, has been awarded the 'Highly Commended' citation at the Enterprising Britain awards in the category of 'Promoting Entrepreneurial Spirit'.

The scheme, funded by philanthropist Heather Stephens' Waterloo Foundation and managed by Vale businesswoman Annette Gee on behalf of the Vale Council, was

given the award by Small Business Minister Margot James MP at a ceremony in the Palace of Westminster on Tuesday.

Inspiring the Vale began in August 2014 to help young people to set up businesses by providing a grant of up to £3,000 to help cover start-up costs as well as advice and support from experienced business owners.

The initiative has inspired 157 applicants to date, and 41 have received funding to start their business and are trading successfully. A further eight are in the development stage.

DOGS TRUST FAIR

DOGS Trust Bridgend will hold its Christmas fair at Court Colman Manor Hotel, Bridgend (CF31 4NG) on Sunday, December 11 from 11am - 3pm.

Activities include Santa's grotto, festive games and family photos, a raffle and face painting.

Entry is £2 adults, children and dogs admitted free. For more information, email rhannon.chamberlain@dogstrust.org.uk or call 01656 728923.



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Dog of the week: meet Elsie!

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We are looking for a forever home where the owner has already successfully owned big dogs before. She can live with children over 14 years and visiting children over 11, as she can be a bit mouthy!

Her forever home will need to be patient with her training needs and be a fan of big dogs. If you can offer a forever home to Elsie, please call Dogs Trust, Bridgend on 01656 728923, or visit the website.

Rhiannon Chamberlain, Dogs Trust Bridgend

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A double decade of dogged duty...

AT Dogs Trust Bridgend rehoming centre, a local canine carer who has helped find homes more than 1,000 animals is celebrating two decades of service.

Julie Ace started as a kennel assistant in 1996 and has spent the majority of her service as a canine carer, walking, socialising, feeding, cleaning and training the dogs.

During that time, she has seen around 10,000 homeless hounds come into the centre, it is estimated to have spent 15,000 hours walking them.

Angela Wetherall, Rehoming Centre Manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend, said:

"Julie is loved by two and four-legged friends alike at the rehoming centre and we want to thank her for her hard work and commitment over the past 20 years.

Julie said: "The last 20 years have flown by, but I have loved every minute! I'm so lucky to work with such a great group of people and, of course, the dogs who make it all worthwhile. I can get quite attached to the dogs at the centre but I am so pleased for them when they finally find their special someone and get the happy ending they deserve.

"It brings me so much joy to spend time with the dogs and see the difference I can make to their lives."

'BE AWARE' WARNS DIABETES CHARITY

WE want all of your GEM readers with diabetes to make sure they are protecting their sight this Diabetes Awareness Month.

Fewer than half of people with diabetes realise that the condition can cause blindness, which is a real worry. This is why we're supporting the Welsh Government's new campaign to make sure that people living with diabetes are going to their regular retinopathy screening appointments.

Diabetic retinopathy is a serious complication that can affect anyone living with the condition. People with diabetes will also be at higher risk of developing other eye conditions like glaucoma and cataracts.

In Wales, there is a dedicated service that identifies and treats these complications called Diabetic Eye Screening Wales (DESW). Everyone with diabetes should

look out for their appointment letter from DESW when it is time for their check-up, where experts will identify any problems and get them treated as soon as possible.

The appointments are quick and painless and could help to save your sight.

See website, www.diabetes.org.uk, for more information.

Dai Williams, Diabetes UK Cymru.

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Bach for good...

Some of the performers.



Florally friendly

FRIENDS and Neighbours' last meeting saw well over 60 people treated to a floral demonstration by Nona Hexter of Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, with volunteer Nannete.

Nona Hexter, Coordinator of the Ageing Well Project in Barry, gave the members insight into the project and social activities it has to offer from Monday to Friday, including Extend, Stitch and Bitch, bingo and free computer class. She also told them about the other services offered.

[There is a busy month ahead, with visit to Barry Memorial Hall to see Superstars in The Making, Christmas lunch and visit to Blooms Garden Centre. They end 2016 with the Christmas party lunch at Brynhill Golf Club and a visit to New Theatre to see.

ON November 15, students at UWC Atlantic College put on a musical performance entitled 'From Bach to Blues', as part of an ongoing series of concerts at St Donats Art Centre.

Local residents were treated to an array of musical talents and styles, from the classical signing of Schubert's *Serenade* to modern guitar solos and violin duets.

Sharon Richards, piano teacher and host of the event, says, "The programme is always varied and it is a wonderful chance for the students at the college to have a performance platform - and for the audience to be entertained by students from all over the world - often playing or singing music from their homeland."

Café Concerts are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 3pm and last around one hour. The cost is £6.50 per person, including tea, coffee and homemade cake.

**The Welsh Ministers (Crichel Down) Considerations, No's 2, 4 & 6 Bingle Lane, St Athan CF62 4LH
No's 1 & 2 Beggars Pound, St Athan CF62 4LE
The Bungalow, Cowbridge Road, St Athan CF62 4LH**

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The Bungalow, Cowbridge Road.**

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Rhifau 1 a 2 Beggars Pound, Sain Tathan CF62 4LE
The Bungalow, Cowbridge Road, Sain Tathan CF62 4LH**

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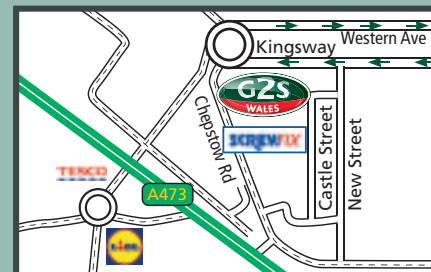
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TAKE a look at the photo of St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major (far right), because it has a lot in common with the town itself.

Putting it simply, there is a lot more there than at first sight.

St Illtud's has always been a bit of an anomaly. So many towns have built their

main church on high ground within the town, so it is visible from miles around.

In the case of St Illtud's, however, someone in the dim and distant past decided to build it in a hollow, so it is, in the main, hidden from prying eyes.

The result, of course, is that you have to get close before you can fully take in the charms

and points of interest of this remarkable old church.

It is the same with the Lantern Parade takes place through the town.

It's a good place to shop too, as there is plenty of free parking near the main shopping precinct, and it's easy to get to by train, with the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Line making regular journeys between Barry and Bridgend, and stopping at Llantwit.

In the town you will find a variety of independent shops where owner-managers have a real stake in providing good service and interesting stock.

A good place to do business? Well, Tina Morgan at Rio, which offers fashion, accessories and jewellery has been there for 30 years, so she knows the market well.

She said: "I think we are best known for our costume jewellery and scarves, but I am conscious that the market changes constantly.

"We currently stock Joe Brown's – who usually see their clothes online, and Adini is another popular brand.

"I'm also delighted to stock 'A Postcard From Brighton' – a clothing line that is made entirely in the UK, and which is great quality."

Filco stores have a double reason to welcome Christmas – with both the food store and the Plaza Toymaster packed with festive items.

Matthew Hunt of Filco said: "There will be some great Christmas offers – prosciutto lovers should be pleased – and our meat order book is now available, so customers can start planning for the big day.

"At Plaza Toymaster, once again Santa and his real live reindeer will be visiting on Sunday, December 4, and on that day there will be 10 per cent off all items in the toy store."

A typical town trader is Nicky Foster at Health Conscious, who has been in the precinct for more than five years now. She has obviously been well supported by local shoppers and is full of praise for Llantwit people.

She said: "It's a great place to do business and the people here have been very supportive. We're looking forward to Christmas and once again this year we will be putting together Christmas packs, which make ideal gifts."

"We have a new range of candles and oil burners, and we also have a variety of eCoffee cups for the ethical take away coffee drinker. We also have gluten-free cakes and vegan chocolate."

Angela Battrick at Vale Podiatry has been in Llantwit Major for five years, but this is her first Christmas in new premises, which have much better

wheelchair access. Feet being feet, you would not expect the Christmas season to be any different, but that's not the case.

She said: "Our gift vouchers are a popular present. After all, many elderly people are quite difficult to buy for at Christmas, and vouchers mean that their feet will be well looked after all year. "We also do home visits for anyone who finds it difficult to get to town."

Alys Gwyneth runs 'Stwff', which specialises in gifts and homeware.

She said: "This will be our second Christmas in the town, and we have a really wide range of items that would make great gifts."

Of course, some Christmas gifts and purchases can have the recipients tearing their hair out if it involves modern technology – especially if the recipient is, shall we say, less modern.

That's where PC of Mind can help. Owner Richard Steele said: "We are always



ABOVE: St Illtud's – Llantwit Major's hidden church.

RIGHT: Christmas stock at Sunkissed.



available to help with any computer problems, including set up of new equipment, networking and other issues."

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LEFT:
Nicky Foster at Health Conscious.
BELOW LEFT:
Angela Battrick at Vale Podiatry.



RIGHT:
The Christmas display at New Hope charity shop.

She said: "We have already sold a number of 'Make your own Teddy Bear' kits. You can make the bear from scratch, including stuffing it!"

"Another popular Christmas item is our range of Yankee Candles, and this year we have a new range - Wood Wick candles - which crackle like a real fire."

Something else to bear in mind when taking a shopping trip to Llantwit Major is that when it comes to taking a break, there are plenty of options - cafes, pubs and restaurants where you can relax and return to the streets, newly invigorated.

At first glance you might imagine that a fish and chip shop such as Simon's Plaice would not be too affected by

Christmas, but the shop's delivery service has changed this.

Gaynor Jones of Simon's Plaice said: "Fish and chips is a great treat at a children's party, and with people so busy preparing for Christmas, it is becoming more and more popular with groups of adults too."

At The Old White Hart on the town square, George and Elenid Carling are looking forward to a real family Christmas - and they feel that the pub has become much more 'family friendly' in their time there.

At The Old White Hart, they look forward to the town's special days and do their bit. George said: "When the town switches on the Christmas lights, we will



be having an outdoor hog roast and mulled wine.

Just outside the town, the St Donat's Arts Centre adds to the charms of Llantwit with an imaginative choice of performers in the Tythe Barn. With Christmas in mind, they are looking forward to a visit from the Sherman Theatre, which is bringing a Christmas show, *The Emperor's New Clothes* to St Donat's next Monday (November 28)

at 10.30am. Another big Christmas event at the Arts Centre is on Sunday, December 4 (10.30am to 4pm) when it hosts a 'Crafts for Christmas' fayre, with indoor and outdoor food stalls, live music, a children's workshop, and a wide variety of craft stalls.

At the Victoria Inn in Siginstone, Beryl and Michael O'Leary have always celebrated the Christmas season, and Michael is proud to say that it takes almost a full day to put up the Christmas decorations, so the pub really looks special inside.

Good food and drink has been the hall mark of the Victoria Inn, and the fact that their Christmas Day dinner sold out months ago tells its own story.

The Christmas menu will be available from December and they are expecting a busy festive season. Food is served seven days a week, but on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, they serve meals all day long.

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ABOVE: Christmas stock at Treasures.

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THE end of November and December are going to be very busy months for the town of Llantwit Major.

On the 25th and 26th of November, we will be starting the Christmas celebrations.

The Events Group are working hard on lots of exciting Christmas ideas, starting with market stalls on The Precinct on Friday, and the lights being switched on Saturday, with late night shopping and music for all.

There is also a Santa's Grotto and a lantern parade through the town.

The exciting and newly-formed Chamber of Trade, led by Mrs Clare Ingram as chair, Jackie Jenkins as secretary and Nicky Foster as treasurer are asking all local shops to dress their windows for Christmas, and I have the challenging job - along with fellow councillor Mick Mason - of judging them.

Also look out for lots of Elves in many of the shop windows, which will be incorporated as a children's competition.

The town council, for the first time, is organising a pantomime, *Cinderella*, over two days on December 14 and 15 in Llantonian



Hall. Tickets are just £5 each and available from the town hall. Places are limited so buy early.

The town hall will also be open on Saturday, November 26, from 2pm to 4pm for anyone wishing to buy tickets.

Llantwit Major Church is holding an ecumenical carol service on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

I would like to wish all the schools in Llantwit Major a Happy Christmas and I hope they enjoy all their concerts and parties, especially the children and staff of Ysgol-y-Ddraig who will be having their very first Christmas in their wonderful new school.



RIGHT:
Just some of the varied Christmas stock that you will find at 'Stwff-Stuff'.



ABOVE: The café at St Donats Arts Centre, which is open for special events.

BELOW: Decorations everywhere at the Victoria Inn.



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TV star launches book at Noah's Ark

TV PRESENTER Lucy Owen launched her first book for children – *Boo-a-bog in the Park* at Noah's Ark children's hospital, Cardiff, on Friday.

A familiar face on BBC Wales, Lucy is also an ambassador for the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity and all royalties from the sale of the book will be donated to the charity.

Children from the hospital will be invited to celebrate the launch of the new book and enjoy a storytelling session with Lucy and husband Rhodri Owen, whose Welsh adaptation of the book, *Bw-a-bog yn y Parc*, will also be launched on the same day.

Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity Director Suzanne Mainwaring, said: "Lucy is such an incredible advocate of the Noah's Ark Charity and we're hugely thankful to her for choosing us as the beneficiary of her first book. Reading and telling stories is a central part of every childhood and as a charity that has children at the heart of everything it does, this seems like the perfect fit."

"We hope that families for generations to come will enjoy hearing the story of Tom and his monster, just as many will benefit from the proceeds it helps to raise."

Boo-a-bog in the Park is a wonderful, reassuring, rhyming story about a little boy called Tom who finds it difficult to make new friends.

Asked what inspired her to write the book, Lucy said: "This story is about a little boy getting through a difficult time. But with the help of his imaginary monster friend Boo-a-bog, Tom finds his strength. For me, the theme of the story felt like a lovely fit with the Noah's Ark Charity. It would be wonderful if the book helps raise money for this very special facility we have for children in Wales."

The heart-warming story is beautifully complemented by Andy Catling's illustrations and has already gained praise from some well-known personalities including Wales' football team manager Chris Coleman, who said: "A delightful, rhyming story with excellent imagery which I'm really looking forward to reading with my children."



ABOVE:
At the book launch in the Children's Hospital, Lucy and Rhodri were joined by the book's illustrator, Andy Catling (centre).

Children's TV presenters spread love of reading

CHILDREN at Llandough Primary School were treated to an afternoon of fun and excitement on Wednesday when TV presenters Sam and Mark popped in to share their love of reading and writing.

The event was a prize awarded to Sam Sugarman, who having read Sam and Mark's first novel *The Adventures of Long Arm*, entered a competition by Scholastic to find the UK's funniest friends. Sam entered himself and best friend Oliver into the competition and was shocked to find out in July that they had won.

Sam earned himself and Oliver a mention in Sam and Mark's sequel book *Long Arm Vs the Evil Supply Teacher*, and also a visit from Sam and Mark to his primary school.

Sam and Mark entertained a packed hall with extracts from their first novel, a brief history of how they became famous and ended up writing books and also found time for some fun games; including finding best friends in the school hall.

After the assembly, Sam and Mark took time to sign books and autographs with children and staff. Mark Ellis, headteacher at Llandough Primary said: "It was a privilege to have Sam and Mark visit us today. They are popular TV presenters and for them to take time out of their busy schedule to visit us and inspire our children to read and write books is fantastic."

"I would also like to thank Sam Sugarman for entering the competition and gaining such a fantastic prize and to Scholastic for organising the event."

Farmers' market at Reindeer Parade

THE Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market will again holding a farmers' market at the Cowbridge Reindeer Parade on Sunday, November 27.

There will be 20 stalls selling locally-produced food, to take home and cook or to eat on the day.

This will be beef, lamb and duck burgers, home-made soup, bacon rolls, and pies and pasties. Add to that beer, cider, seaweed

gin, chocolates, cakes, chutneys, eggs, and cordials.

There will definitely be some unique Christmas hamper ideas to help with your Christmas shopping!

The market will be open from 10am until 2pm and to keep the children entertained while they wait for Santa to arrive, there will be a reindeer hunt around the stalls. Coming for the annual outing are Romeo and his friend Seren, the miniature ponies.

Barry toy and train sale

BARRY Toy and Train Sale takes place on Sunday, November 27 from 10.30am to 3pm at Barry Leisure Centre, Greenwood Street (CF63 4RU).

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "Our Barry event is proving ever more popular and it offers a wonderful range of stallholders, trading in the large and well-lit venue which offers vast amounts of space for everyone. Stallholders will be keen to buy and to exchange as well."

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Tulip charity raffle

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THE public is invited to a festive sing-along under the stars to raise funds for life-limited children at this year's 'Carols at the Castle' in aid of Ty Hafan hospice at Sully.

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6pm to 8.30pm.

Sponsored by One Stop and supported by Heart, there will also be an opportunity to feast on festive treats in the Dickensian Christmas market, with stalls selling a range of unique, hand-crafted Christmas gifts and cards and enjoy a fireworks display.

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Pontyclun pub becomes an all-day venue – with great food included

AS you approach the Bute Cafe Bar in Pontyclun it seems a pretty traditional pub, but as you peer through the window, you soon realise that is not.

When Mr Jamal Asfi took over, he wanted to make it an 'all day' venue, so the interior was redesigned to make it much more the type of place that would attract people for morning coffee, lunch and evening meals – but all done without alienating the traditional pub customers.

As it goes about attracting an all day clientele, a total of 14 staff are needed at various times, as the venue aims to have good quality food available all day, but still has space to show live football and rugby, and even has live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

It was a Thursday evening when my guest and I visited to try the evening menu, which offers a wide choice, and a selection of specials on the pub blackboard.

My guest went to the main menu for her starter, a smoked salmon platter with lemon and mixed leaves.

I try not to be awkward when eating out, but a main course on the specials board, spicy seafood linguine, had caught my eye.

However, I really fancied a small portion as a starter, and I was very pleased that my request was granted without a moment's hesitation.

The first thing that impressed us was the portion sizes. In many restaurants, a £3.95 starter comes served on a plate the size of a saucer, but here we were served a full plate of food – and you start wondering how you are going to manage three courses.

My guest's platter was excellent, with plenty of salmon and salad as



The Bute Cafe bar in Pontyclun.

well, but we were both impressed with the spicy seafood linguine, which served up plenty of seafood in a sauce that was not too hot, but which came with a real kick.

I had been awkward about asking for a half portion of linguine as a starter, because I really fancied as a main course the rack of lamb served with red wine jus, buttered mash and seasonal green vegetables (£12.95).

Now, it's fair to say that a Masterchef reviewer might quibble here. It wasn't so much a rack of lamb as four separate lamb chops, but they were tender and well cooked, and everything on the plate delivered

plenty of flavour, and it was a great plateful of food.

My guest was hungry and took a fancy to the lasagne, garlic bread, and chunky chips (served with a salad at £6.95) and it was again, a full plate of food. More importantly, she said that the lasagne was as good as she had tasted, so it proved to be a great choice.

When it came to dessert, the portion sizes caught up with us, so we decided to share a chocolate fudge cake, with ice cream and chocolate sauce and, once again, we had a large plateful; that proved plenty for the two of us.

So, the Bute cafe bar serves up excellent, tasty food – and plenty of it – so it has made a great start under its new management.

There is a wide choice of wines to accompany your meal, all reasonably priced, and as a good pub should, there are plenty of beers, lagers and ciders as well.

As we were finishing our meal, the live entertainment (a guitarist/singer) was just starting his set, so it seems to me that the Bute Cafe Bar is adding something distinctive to the scene in Pontyclun. It's well worth checking out and I wish it well.

Philip Irwin

£6 million for hub at hospital

HEALTH Secretary Vaughan Gething AM on Tuesday announced nearly £6 million (£5.969m) of capital funding for a new diagnostic hub at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital in Llantrisant.

The funding announced covers the building costs for the installation of a replacement CT scanner, as well as the equipment and building costs to install a second CT and MRI scanners at the hospital.

The new hub will help ensure that diagnostic waiting time targets can be achieved within Cwm Taf and improved across south Wales.

It will also improve resilience in relation to the availability of scanners across the region.

Mr Vaughan Gething said: "In having these new scanners in place, we expect the hub to deliver on average, an additional 7,232 MRI scans and 6,599 CT scans per year. This will help reduce diagnostic waiting times while

providing high quality imaging capacity in south Wales."

Ruth Treharne, director of planning and performance at Cwm Taf University Health Board said: "I am absolutely delighted that the Welsh Government has approved our bid to enable us to take forward this vital project in Cwm Taf."

"One of the outcomes of the south Wales programme was a commitment to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital developing a significant role in diagnostics and ambulatory care, supporting the wider network of hospitals in the region."

As well as providing improved diagnostic facilities and scanning for our own patients in Cwm Taf, the Hub will become the centre of excellence for south Wales.

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For over one hundred years Barry's main thoroughfare has provided all the help the

demanding Christmas shopper requires and this year is no different.

New shops with enthusiastic owners are the lifeblood of local shopping areas.

An exciting new entry at 294 Holton Road is 'Little People Party Supplies' run by Dawn

and Mike Hampshire.

Dawn and Mike are importing American party ware that brightens up a celebration for youngsters or the young at heart.

Lunch plates, cake plates, party bags, table cloths, napkins, balloons, banners, decorations, straws, stickers, tattoos, they've got it all – and with top brands like Pokemon, Star Wars, Batman, Avengers, Minecraft, Peppa Pig, Tinker Bell and more.

Dawn explained: "We opened on September 24 and it has been great. Whenever people have been in they've said: 'I'll be telling my friends about you'."

Mike said: "It started off as a hobby, first online, and now we've

got the shop."

The showroom is light and bright with everything neatly displayed and conveniently to hand, a little like Mike and Dawn's website

www.littlepeoplepartysupplies.co.uk where you can browse what's on offer in the comfort of your home.

The council is carrying out a facelift to the Upper Holton Road area with smart new shop fronts and sleek new pavements. It is that sort of commitment from the Vale Council that encouraged the couple to open their shop.

Mike added: "A lot of our products can be good stocking fillers at Christmas – things like pencils, stickers, temporary tattoos and pez sweet dispensers."

Just off the other end of Holton Road in Thompson Street Joseph Turner has opened **Joseph Barber Shop** for gents, women and children.

Joseph said: "It's going really well, we've had lots of positive responses that people can see on our Facebook page."

But there are a number of features that set the shop apart from a normal barber's.

It can host parties, with boys having their hair cut and getting the chance to play games like Xbox and table football in a games room. Pizzas are delivered by Rocket Joe's. The first party was held on November 17 for Evan who was celebrating his 11th birthday; he had five friends with him.

There are complimentary drinks for youngsters and adults, and each youngster who goes to Joseph Barber Shop gets a toy to go away with.

The idea is to make going to the barber's fun for youngsters who might find it unpleasant or boring.

What else makes it stand out?

Joseph said: "We are really a male grooming studio. We also do Swedish massage and male body waxing."

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LONGEVITY is the ultimate success for a business and Holton Road can boast a number of family concerns that fill the bill.

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The business is based at 76 Holton Road and the owner Ceri Williams has a great rapport with his customers – Ceri's father Morgan took the business over from John Marshall.

Morgan once had the honour of supplying the royal yacht Britannia when the Queen sailed in to Cardiff in 1958.

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Ceri now at Marshall's (£10 deposit) and pick-ups start from Wednesday, December 21 and run until Christmas Eve.

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This week it will be at the High Street Christmas lights on Friday night, and the Cowbridge Reindeer parade on Sunday.

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RIGHT:

JPL Sound has a fantastic range of musical instruments such as these guitars which would make an extra special Christmas gift.



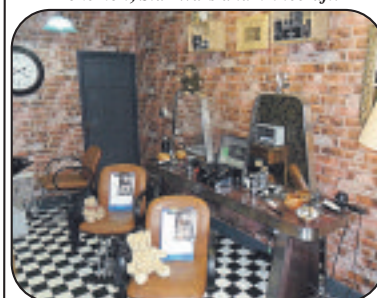
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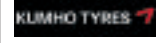
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Ruckleys is the ever-popular, must visit store for mums and dads and stocks everything from 'early days' through to school days.

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Tracy, the owner, is delighted to have welcomed two new members of staff.

She said: "Our new hair stylist is Ri who has been with us a couple of months, and our new beauty therapist is Chloe."

Chloe does a lot of the massages and in January there will be 10 per cent off all massages with her.

The salon offers treatments in waxing (female and male); nails; lashes and brows; facials; hair cuts and styling for women, men and children; and there are special OAP rates.

Tan y Hyde is located at 43 Holton Road, Barry.

To book an appointment, call 01446 745483; for more information, go to: www.tanyhyde.co.uk.

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The students are intending to hold a fundraising day.

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Lauren Saunders.

J.K. ROWLING'S FANTASTIC BEASTS MAKE FOR A TRULY MAGICAL EXPERIENCE!

IN Hollywood, maybe more than anywhere else, money talks. So when the Harry Potter franchise finished in 2011 with the second

part of *The Deathly Hallows*, having trousered \$10 billion in global box office, the chances of seeing something Potter-related on the big screen were as likely as Tuesday following Monday.

So arrives *Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them*, based on JK Rowling's 2001 book, which is set in the same universe as the Harry Potter stories and tells the tale of Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne), who arrives in New York with a suitcase full of – you guessed it – fantastic beasts.

But when said beasts get loose after a mix-up with Joseph Kowalski (Dan Fogler), Newt comes under the suspicion of Tina Goldstein (Katherine Waterston), and must track them down, all the while a dark magic is brewing in the city, pursued by Graves (Colin Farrell)...

Given that the original *Fantastic Beasts*... book that this first instalment (of a proposed five) is based on runs to 128 pages,

and is of itself a guide to magical creatures rather than a cohesive narrative of its own accord, the slate for the filmmakers to develop the world of this Potter-related universe was pretty clean.

With JK Rowling giving the film her seal of approval by writing the script for it, what you end up with is a ridiculously enjoyable and satisfying film, a magical expansion of the Potter-verse but one that resolutely stands on its own two feet to enthrall a new audience of fans as well as those existing ones.

Many of the tenets of Potter have remained here; the film is still at the home of Warner Bros; it is produced by the same team that oversaw the eight films, and is directed by David Yates, who helmed the final four films of the series.

Yet this familiarity is comforting rather than overbearing, and with Rowling taking charge of the screenplay, it feels like a real attempt to capture the magic rather than just shamelessly cash in on the association.

Yates has immense



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fun conjuring inventive set-piece after inventive set-piece, the scale and scope hugely impressive, dripping with jaw-dropping moments but fused to a sense of humour and wonderment that works incredibly well, which the cast also helps with.

While Eddie Redmayne's most notable work has seen him push himself in more artistic directions, he has a great time here as Newt, bringing a quintessentially English character and giving him warmth, wit and strength in equal measure.

It's worth noting

Yates was, at one point, in talks to make a Doctor Who film and you can't help but feel some of this has infused the character of Newt, in his manner and mentality he is reminiscent of the Doctor, and Redmayne's wide-eyed wonder is a perfect way in to this world.

He is ably supported by Dan Fogler, who, as the muggle of the bunch (or No-Maj for our American cousins) makes for an excellent foil, acting as the audience's eyes and ears, while the always-watchable Katherine Waterston as Tina, and Alison Sudol as her sister, complete a pretty likeable bunch.

While Ezra Miller brings a darkness to his character of Credence, a character whose membership of an anti-magic sect belies a secret, Colin Farrell is underdone by his character of Graves, a figure poorly written and who has 'not-to-be-trusted' written all over him.

In fact, that is the film's main weakness – while the plot of Newt tracking down his beasts is fun and well-executed,

the subplots (involving the rise of a senator, the previously mentioned anti-magic sect and the big dark secret at the core of the story) smack of predictability and familiarity.

It could be argued this is a flaw in Rowling's writing that has been brought to the big screen; her inability to keep the reader or viewer guessing – however, when the main thrust of the film is so much, it can be forgiven as these *Fantastic Beasts*... more than live up to their title!

VERDICT: A captivating beginning to a new franchise (and something that will satisfy the hardest of Harry Potter fans), *Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them* is a massively entertaining and magical affair. The film looks great, with action aplenty, and the cast, in the main, impress – part two has a lot to live up to! *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows Part 2* (2011), *Men In Black* (1997).



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The annual Dickensian Evening will be held on Friday, December 2 from 5.30 pm. Located in the heart of the old village of Dinas Powys this popular event is organised by the Rotary Club.

Dinas Powys Community Library & Activity Centre invites you to 'Carols in the Library' with Dinas Powys Primary School Choir on Monday, December 5 at 2.30pm. This is the first social event organised on behalf of the Community Library which started life this month. The library is located next to the primary school.

Bethesda Community Choir Christmas Concerts run from December 7 to December 10. The venue is the Parish Hall, Britway Road Dinas Powys. The title

of the concerts this year is 'Let's Make a Memory'.

Celebrating its 20th year, the choir will be singing a number of favourites from over the years! Tickets are £5; call Sharon Wilson on 02920 513401. Proceeds are in aid of 'Believe ODS' a local charity supporting organ donation.

A Christmas coffee morning is planned for Wednesday, December 14, 10.30 to noon. Go along and enjoy sing-along carols with St Peters Community choir.

There will be stalls, cakes, and a raffle at the Murchfield Hall Sunnycroft Lane Dinas Powys. Contact Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern for more details - 02920 513700 or info@dpvc.org.uk.

There's to be a table top sale on December 17 at the Murchfield Hall, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys, 10am to 2pm. This is in aid of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern. Admission is free and crafts, gifts, books and more will be available.

If you want to hire a table contact 02920 513700 or email info@dpvc.org.uk.

Make a date for great late night shopping in Penarth town centre

THE Christmas spirit is already apparent in Penarth following Sunday's festive light switch-on with Father Christmas.

Next up is the chance for people to sample the very best of what local businesses have to offer with a relaxing late night shopping event.

On Thursday, December 1, there will special offers, mince pies, carols and live music while customers shop.

Mel Griffin of Griffin Books on Windsor Road told The GEM: "Most of the traders will be open until 8pm that evening, and there will be entertainment out on the streets."

"It is an opportunity for people who work full time to

find out the gems that Penarth has to offer, and products and a service that you won't see elsewhere."

There's also an Advent trail for shoppers on the night – a card with 12 spaces for independent shops to stamp.

The completed card will go into a draw for a Christmas hamper. It's a fun way for people to find out about what's on offer and see some special offers on the night.

Mel added that traders would be creating a real festive fun evening.

"We'll have some mulled wine and mince pies and there will be a great atmosphere."

The idea for events such as Christmas late night shopping on December 1 was inspired by Penarth's Retailers' Forum.

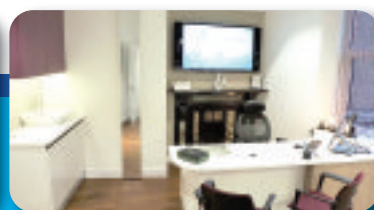


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Lights on in Penarth!



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CHRISTMAS AT PENARTH HOSPICE

AN evening to help people remember someone special will be held at Penarth in the run up to Christmas.

The Marie Curie Lights to Remember event will take place at the charity's Cardiff and Vale Hospice on Thursday, December 1, from 6pm.

Marie Curie provides expert care, guidance and support to people living with terminal illness and their families. The evening will be held in the hospice garden, weather permitting, and will include carol singing around the Christmas tree, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Sara Bass, fundraising manager for Wales, urged the public to "join us with friends and family for a gathering of remembrance and festivities."

The fundraising team is calling for donations of bottles of wine for the event from individuals or businesses. If you can help, please donate a bottle to the hospice on Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

Any donations or requests to dedicate a light to remember can also be sent to the Marie Curie fundraising office.

PENARTH'S annual Christmas Lights Switch-On event helped to light up the town last Sunday with Santa and Mrs Claus in attendance.

There were rides and stalls in the town centre from 2pm, and children were encouraged to decorate lanterns and take part in the annual parade from West House later that afternoon.

The big countdown happened on-stage just after 5pm, and Penarth's Christmas Lights were illuminated.



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Penarth railway path clean-up day a success

ON November 19, despite poor weather, 30 volunteers gave up a few hours of their time to clear green waste and household waste from the banks of the old railway path in Penarth.

A surprising array of objects was found – including parts of a bathroom suite, a swimming pool, aluminium steps, a fluorescent strip, fibreglass steps, mountains of green waste and rubble – five trucks full in fact.

The same morning, volunteers scarified areas of Sully Terrace green and sowed wildflower seeds donated by Sustrans, the varieties of which had been especially chosen to be representative of the varieties that would be most likely to be found along railway lines.

This will improve biodiversity along this valuable wildlife corridor while also providing a pleasant environment for residents and path users alike.

The event was sociable and fun, giving residents and path users a chance to get to know one another. We hope to have a future event in the spring.

The newly-created Railway Path Project Penarth, assisted by Penarth Tourism & Visitor



Some of the objects found.

Association, aims to remove waste and improve the area for residents, tourists and wildlife with the support of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

This project will be ongoing and the group welcomes everyone who would like to join in. Information can be found on Facebook – Railway Path Project Penarth. Residents can also support the project by disposing of waste responsibly. SS

Heartbreak for local victims of flooding

IN MY VIEW by CHRIS ELMORE, MP FOR OGMORE

I'LL be honest, I've had to change what I was going to write about, following the floods on the weekend.

The weather has caused huge problems across the constituency and I spent most of Sunday knocking doors, chatting with residents and offering help to those families and businesses affected in Maesteg.

Many families devastated by the flash flooding have been left with thousands of pounds worth of damage to their homes and lost possessions, including many irreplaceable items.

It was heart-breaking listening to people talk about the impact of what has happened.

Over the coming days I'll be working with Bridgend Council and Valleys to Coast Housing to offer as much help as I possibly can to residents.

Thankfully, the flood warnings for the Llynfi have been lifted, but others have not. Of course, families in Pencoed, Ogmore Vale and Pontycymmer have been affected too and I will do all I can to help anyone affected.

If you need help or support please call my office on 01656 860034 or email

chris.elmore.mp@parliament.uk.

I also want to make people aware of the 'go fund me' website for those affected. With Christmas just around the corner, these floods are made even more difficult.

Many of the people I've spoken to have children and they're left with the awful choice of replacing furniture or making sure their children have a good Christmas. This page is designed to help ease that decision. Even if it's just a couple of pounds, anything would help:

www.gofundme.com/garth-flood

Thrills amid the chills!

IT'S much colder now but there are plenty of Porthcawl

Townswomen's Guild activities to enjoy and warm our hearts!

Cardiff Federation decided to hold their annual luncheon in Porthcawl this year and very good it was too, at the Atlantic Hotel.

A lovely day so members from Cardiff were able to enjoy a walk on the front afterwards.

We always like to show off our town at its best, don't we? Our own monthly lunch was at Beales – always popular.

Our autumn fair in aid of Ty Hafan was a success and enjoyed by all including the ambassador for Ty Hafan, Lynda Francis, and the Mayor and Mayoress.

This month's meeting was a demonstration of 'Ideas for Christmas' given by Judy Harvey assisted by Jean Schofield. Judy had a wealth of stories of her life in floristry which kept us in fits of laughter; not to mention the lovely Christmas floral arrangements that Judy and Jean showed us. These were raffled off afterwards – another bonus.

Our meeting next month is on December 14 (2pm at All Saints' church hall) when we will hold our Christmas party with entertainment from Mike Boyle. **DT**

Red Cross were there to help during the Storm Angus floods

A TEAM of Red Cross emergency response volunteers have had a busy few days supporting local communities as Storm Angus swept across south Wales.

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service requested the support of the emergency response team in the early hours of Sunday morning when rising flood waters threatened homes in Pencoed.

The volunteers used a Land Rover Defender to reach the town. After pulling on their wellington boots they knocked on residents' doors to inform them of the potential risk caused by the heavy rainfall.

The crew – Karl Marsh, Rhys Taylor and Jonny Walsh – were then directed on to Maesteg, where flood water had rushed through streets and houses affecting approximately 100 homes.

Karl Marsh, lead volunteer, said: "The water was flowing down the roads like a river. I've never seen anything like it. We were speaking to people through their top floor windows to check that they were ok and, where possible, helped arrange alternative accommodation. We also helped the firefighters to set up barriers to try to divert the water away from threatened properties."

The volunteers remained at the scene until mid-morning, carrying out welfare checks and offering practical advice such as providing

information about accessing insurance. On Friday, a house in Llandow caught fire after it was struck by lightning. Red Cross volunteers provided emotional support to the resident and helped to arrange accommodation and replacement medication.

Rob Donovan, emergency response operations manager at the Red Cross, said: "Our volunteers have provided an exceptional service over the last few days. The people they have helped have been incredibly grateful for the support and advice they've received."

"The Red Cross is an emergency response organisation and we are fully prepared to provide humanitarian assistance as long as we are needed. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers, our partners and local communities."

Advice on dealing with flooding is available on the Red Cross website at: www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Preparing-for-disasters/How-to-prepare-for-emergencies

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club (November 21) were as follows:

First, Phil Felman and Tony Disley, 69.35 per cent; second, Debbie and Dave Lea, 65.18 per cent; third, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 59.52 per cent. **LE**

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Gavin and Stacey pushing the boat out for Porthcawl RNLI



LEFT : Celebrities such as Ruth Jones, Rob Brydon and Bonnie Tyler, and TV host James Corden, lent their support to the RNLI. (James Corden did so via a video link).

RUTH JONES aka 'Nessa' of *Gavin and Stacey* fame, entertained a packed Porthcawl Grand Pavilion theatre last Friday (November 18) to raise money for Porthcawl RNLI.

The evening is thought to have raised in the region of £18,000 for the charity.

James Corden opened the evening with a video message from 'Smithy' which was filmed on the set of his American chat show.

He went on to introduce the star of the evening, 'Nessa' better known locally as Ruth

Jones, who grew up in Porthcawl.

She took on the role of comper for the evening in the style of her highly successful *Gavin and Stacey* character.

She was supported by her friends Bonnie Tyler, Only Men Aloud singer/actor Craig Gallivan and during the meal, singer Russell Jones Jrn.

But to the surprise of the audience one more guest appeared just in time to join Nessa on stage to sing their number one Comic Relief hit 'Islands in the Stream'; yes, none other than 'Uncle Bryn', Rob Brydon.

Their duet was a huge success and received a standing

ovation from the audience.

Following on for the rest of the evening The Dave Barry Big Band kept everyone entertained with many of the audience enjoying a dance to a wide variety of tunes.

The evening was initiated by Ruth earlier in the year in support of the Porthcawl RNLI volunteers, one of whom is her brother-in-law, crewman Etienne Cronje.

Once a date had been set she then made all the arrangements for the evening which included a three-course meal and no entertainment.

To help raise funds on the night, Ruth went around the tables having 'selfies' taken

with members of the audience. Raffle tickets were also sold and a raffle drawn.

That was followed by an auction which included a wide variety of items professionally sold by auctioneer Andrew Thomas, from HRT estate agents in Cowbridge.

Porthcawl Lifeboat chairman, John Abraham said: "The whole evening was a true success for Ruth and her friends, the audience and of course Porthcawl lifeboat station."

"We are grateful for all the effort that she put into making her evening so special for us, she definitely pushed the boat out for Porthcawl RNLI."

Boys and Girls Clubs attend special Remembrance event at Boys Village

A REMEMBRANCE event was held at the old Boys' Village, St Athan, by the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales (BGCWales) on Saturday, November 12 to mark Remembrance weekend.

It was also a part of a BGCWales Heritage Lottery project which focuses on founders Lord David Davies, Llandinam, and Captain John Glynn Jones, and their connection to the First World War.

A grandson of Captain John Glynn Jones, Chris Glynn, said: "I think that going through something like war is what possibly drove my grandfather to help improve the lives of the next generation – not only through creating clubs, sporting activities and building holiday camps, but also changing attitudes and their way of thinking about the world."

The memorial was built in 1930 and it's quite different to others seen in many villages across the UK. It doesn't have the names of individuals, but states that it is a memorial dedicated to the memory of the youth of all nations who fell.



At the end of each camp week since 1930, they would hold a memorial service there to remind the young people of their sacrifice and how international relations, not war, should be the way to find peace.

Also in attendance at the event were:

1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group, Wyndham BGC, St Athan Air Cadet representative Mr David Allen Oliver, former chief executive of BGCWales; Mr Jack Hardman from Friends of St Athan Boys' Village and BGCWales national development officer Grant Poiner.

Cathryn Evans, BGCWales project coordinator, started the proceedings with a brief history of the Boys' Village and the memorial.

Martin Evans, one of the Scout leaders, led off the traditional Remembrance service and two young lads, Jake and Ciaran from Wyndham BGC, had said they wanted to do a reading.

Ciaran wrote a speech thanking everyone for attending and Jake had written a poem about the poppy. Both spoke so well, and with such feeling.

Poppy wreaths were placed at the foot of the memorial to end the service.

We'd like to thank all who attended, and for all your kind comments.

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Who will give a home to these two abandoned bonfire pups?

DOGS Trust Bridgend is looking for homes for two puppies abandoned in a park on bonfire night.

The nine-week-old puppies,

lurcher-cross Sparkle and collie-cross Boom, were left in the cold in a park in Mountain Ash and are now being cared for by the rehoming centre staff after being picked up by the RSPCA.

The charity suspects they may have been bred to be sold as Christmas presents, only to be given up when no buyers could be found; or they may have been bought as pets, but abandoned when their owners had second thoughts.

Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager, said: "It's shocking that

someone could abandon two young and helpless dogs. They are adorable and they have already melted a few hearts here at the centre.

"It is worrying that so many people still buy puppies on a whim and don't understand the lifelong commitment involved. Dogs Trust recommends that owners get their dogs neutered to avoid the likelihood of unwanted litters, which all too frequently end up at rescue charities to be rehomed. In the lead up to Christmas, we would like to remind everyone that 'A



Dog is For Life' Interested? Contact Dogs Trust Bridgend, call the rehoming centre directly on 0300 303 0292.

Novel ideas for Children In Need

Pudsey visits reception children.



AT High Street Primary in Barry – a small school of just over 200 pupils – the school council has always had the tricky job of how to raise money for Children in Need.

As always, we supported the cause by dressing up and donating money. This year, however, the council challenged pupils to a class competition – each class had to raise money in a different way to see which could raise the most.

Years 1 and 2 raised money by completing a 'Pudsey coin fill'. They had Pudsey templates that had to be filled with coins and raised £228.

Years 3 and 4 held a 'scrumptious spotty cake sale' which raised £77.

Years 5 and 6 and class 8 held sponsored sports events which raised more than £218.

Even the staff held a staffroom coffee and cake sale, raising £25.

It was our youngest pupils that won the class competition. Nursery and reception children took part in a

'sponsored bounce' which raised a massive £549. They were so happy to win and each child received a Pudsey wrist band for their efforts.

For such a small school we are very proud to have beaten all our previous years of fundraising with a huge total of £1,136.31 and still counting.

For the first time, High Street Primary was visited by 'Pudsey the Bear', thanks to Barry's Round Table. The pupils could not wait to tell him how much we had raised!

All the children worked so hard to raise money for such a fantastic cause and had lots of fun doing it. The council has certainly set itself a hard total to beat next year.

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HELPING TO GET GIFT BOXES AWAY FOR THE NEEDY

ANDREW R T DAVIES AM is pictured, right, giving local farmers Rhydian Evans and Jeff Thomas a helping hand to unload shoeboxes at the Llantrisant warehouse collected for Operation Christmas Child.

Volunteers are checking gift boxes on a daily basis, in readiness for a consignment set to leave shortly for Zambia and also Albania. Last year, over 27,000 shoeboxes were donated to what is regarded as the world's largest children's Christmas project and with just days left of this year's campaign, this figure could well be exceeded.



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High fashion at the Hi Tide!



Report and pictures by Keith E Morgan.

A FASHION show recently took place at the Hi Tide to raise funds for the Sandville Self Help Centre at Tŷn Kenfig.

Thanks to Fran and Jeff Dower, the Hi Tide was beautifully decorated for the occasion, complete with a professional style catwalk along which the models could strut and 'do their bit'. And 'do their bit' they did, with a splendid display of fashion clothes which all came from the Sandville Bouquet (or for those not 'so posh', the Sandville charity shop!).

All the models were patients or volunteers from Sandville and what a professional lot they turned out to be, showing off all the fashions with great style.

The fashion show itself was set up by

Gwyneth and Mike Howells, and ably assisted by a team of seven girls in the back room (Alyson, Jennifer, Kit, Ann, Jan, Carol and Jean).

Their job was to ensure that all the clothes were sorted, and ready to wear and be paraded by the models on the catwalk (Jan, Caroline, Diana, Jill, Jenny, Meryl, Jackie, Katherine, Nesta, Derie, Brenda, Becky, Megan, Machala, Cathy, Becky and Ann). Not content with having the best dressed girls in Porthcawl on show Gwyneth had, on hand to see to the models' every need, five of the best dressed men in Porthcawl as well.

The 'men in black' were David Michael Howells, David Lawrence, Robert Ralph, Robert Adams and Robert Stines.

Under the watchful

eye of compere Pam Davies, the show went like clockwork with a break halfway through the proceedings to hold the raffle.

There was a superb raffle with six special baskets full of goodies donated by the Bridgend MG Club and decorated beautifully by Sandville's raffle queen Heather.

The deputy mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Lorrie Desmond-Williams was on hand to draw and present the raffle prizes to the lucky winners.

All the clothes paraded by the models during the show were for sale after the show as well as those additional clothes from the Sandville Bouquet displayed on racks at the Hi Tide.

Altogether, the fashion show raised £1,700 for the Sandville Self Help Centre for



which Sister Gwyneth Michael Howells for Poacher wishes to express her grateful thanks to Fran and Jeff Dower; and the management of the Hi Tide, Gwyneth and the fashion show.



DofE remembrance walk to Beacons Wellington bomber



LEFT: Some of the DofE candidates exploring the geodesic design of the Vickers Wellington LT-Y.

BELOW: Barry Comprehensive pupils paying their respects at the cairn.

On November 13 – Remembrance Sunday – a number of this year's Duke of Edinburgh cohort took part in a memorial walk in the Brecon Beacons along with Mr Gamble, Mr Hutton, Miss Rowe, Mr Williams and Mrs Davies.

The walk took the boys across challenging terrain but they persevered, showing great determination to reach the Wellington bomber R1465 crash site and memorial cairn. The group had the opportunity to explore the site before hearing a brief history of the events of July 6, 1942.

They learned that the Wellington bomber crashed while on a cross-country training exercise, due to heavy cloud. The pilot had descended in order to pinpoint their position but hit the top of the mountain. The crew of five Canadians was killed in the crash. The memorial cairn was constructed in 1980 and is a recognised Canadian War Memorial.

All of the boys were excellent representatives of Barry Comprehensive School. The group listened intently to the Remembrance service at the memorial cairn, and further showed their respect by observing the Silence.

There are more than 40 aircraft crash sites in the Brecon Beacons.



BRO MORGANNWG PUPILS SURVIVE THE FOREST OF DEAN IN 'WORLD CHALLENGE' TEST



News from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg

Youth Speaks WELL DONE to Brenneg Davies, Tirion Davies and Llinos Jones on their recent Welsh medium youth public speaking success arranged by the Rotary. World Challenge

Recently, a group of nine year-12 and year-13 pupils attended a World Challenge training weekend in the Forest of Dean.

As they prepare for their visit to Nicaragua in 2017, they familiarised themselves with the necessary kit, completed various group tasks, received nutritional, climatic and health and safety information.

While in Nicaragua, they will trek, complete a community project and have some days to relax and enjoy the culture of the country.

Gymnastics novices

CONGRATULATIONS to the year-7, 8 and 9 gymnastics novice team who came first in all four categories in a county wide competition held at Cardiff Central Youth Club recently. Now on to the Welsh finals next week!

READY FOR ANYTHING! Staff and pupils on the World Challenge in the Forest of Dean.

RIGHT: Public speakers holding their certificates.

BELOW: Novice gymnasts from years 7, 8 and 9.



'Entrepreneurship 'Champion' awards for council officer



Vale Council 'entrepreneurship champions' Annette and Natasha collect their award from Margot James MP and Neville Reyner (Investment in Young People chairman).

LAST week was a busy one for the Vale Council's bursary officer Annette Gee.

First, she was at the Principality Stadium to pick up the award for Welsh Entrepreneurs' Champion of the Year, as judged by a panel of previous winners including Just Eat CEO David Buttress, Hayley Parsons CBE, and author and TV presenter Lyndon Wood.

Then it was on to the Palace of Westminster with colleague Natasha Davies to be commended by Margot James, the Conservative MP for Stourbridge and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility, for their work in promoting entrepreneurial spirit as part of the Enterprising

Britain Awards.

A spokesman said she had worked tirelessly for youth entrepreneurship in the Vale and across south Wales, dividing her time between her business, Taskforce Paintball in Cowbridge, her role as bursary officer at the council, and also her work as a Big Ideas Wales mentor.

Along with her predecessor in the bursary officer role, Natasha, Annette runs the Vale Council's 'Inspiring the Vale' bursary scheme with the support of the Waterloo Foundation.

The scheme has seen 50 young people across the Vale supported with business start-up grants of up to £3,000.

Jenner Park Primary School receives award for disability work

THE Mayor of Barry, Charlotte Williams, visited the Monkey Puzzle class at Jenner Park Primary School to present them with an 'Understanding Disability' award.

Mrs James (teacher), Miss Goodall (LSA) and Mrs Pitman (LSA), Paul Jeffrey (volunteer), Nancy, Dylan, Ewan, Connor and Lilly, were delighted to be presented with the award in front of the whole school.

"Everyone was very excited and would like to thank Mrs Young, who nominated the class for this award," a school spokesperson said.

The award was given by the Understanding Disability Group C/o Parents Federation.





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A local lettings policy applies to this scheme.

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THE 1990 YSTRAD HUNT POINT-TO-POINT SEASON

GEM columnist Brian Lee takes another look at his press cuttings books.

This time we read his report on the Ystrad Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases, which were held at Llantwit Major.

Under the heading 'Gavin's Prayer Is First Winner' I wrote: 'Gavin Hughes, an 18-year-old trainee electrical engineer from Porth, notched his first winner when making all the running on problem horse *Answer To Prayer* at the Ystrad Hunt point-to-point on Saturday. He won by a distance from *Team*, partnered by Tim Jones.

Answer To Prayer, who usually refuses to start and who has been known to pull himself up, is owned by Pontypridd bookmaker Tony Jeffries.

Tim Rooney's bid to win the National Rider's Championship came to an end when he broke two bones in his right foot after falling from *Gun Metal Boy* at the penultimate fence in the Adjacent Hunts race, won by *Miss Daffodil* ridden by Cowbridge's John Llewellyn.

Sarah Evans, aged 22, made every post a winning one in the Ladies' Open on her father's 12-year-old *Lady Laverna*.

Paul Hamer of Bridgend chalked-up his 97th winner when Len Harkins' *West Palm Beach* beat sole rival *Little Herbert* in the Restricted Open and Phillip Mathias from Tenby rode a good finish on George Wagstaffe's *Rostuile* to take the Men's Open.

Another rider who was injured in the same race that day as well as Rooney, was Pontypridd's Robert Rowsell, whose collar bone was fractured when *Girngoe* fell at the third last fence.

On seeing these falls from afar, Tim Jones, who had pulled up his mount *Quick Fling*, urged his mount forward again to gain third place.

Lady Laverna did not like the hard ground that day and jumped wildly to the left at all the obstacles.

Only four horses faced the starter for

the maiden race which was won by Barton Williams' *Modern Man*, who like the runner-up *Firthlands* finished lame. *Modern Man* was ridden by John Parry Keen.

Tim Rooney was not the only Welsh rider to have his season curtailed as Paul Hamer and John Llewellyn also had their seasons shortened owing to injury.

The year 1990 was also the year that Bill Evans' *Timber Tool* won the inaugural Daily Telegraph Cup, which went to the horse who won the most races during the season. Trained by Bill's wife Mary, mother of Llancafan's Evan Williams, *Timber Tool*, ridden by Rooney and later by Llewellyn, won 11 of his 12 races, one of which included a walk-over.

His one defeat was by *Katesville* whom he had beaten earlier that season.

Timber Tool used to take his fences at breakneck speed and more often than not clocked the fastest time of the day.

You can e-mail your horse racing/point-to-point stories and pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or telephone 02920736438.

Sully View Rugby Club fretting over inactivity

SULLY View RFC has not had a fixture for four weeks, and next weekend's game against Tongwynlais looks in doubt, as the visitors are seeking a postponement.

This inactivity during the autumn internationals causes grassroots rugby major problems in keeping players active, and income streams vibrant.

The next social event is the reunion night on Friday, November 25, starting at 7:30pm in the Market Street Club.

Although attended, in the main, by the club's older section, all players/members are most welcome, with a special invitation going out to all the current players who have now settled into the newly-reformed club.

As the last two reunions have been successful in raising money for charity, it has been decided that all reunions will include charity fundraising, and so those attending will be asked to contribute £5 to cover food, raffle and a donation to charity.

These get together are proving most successful, as old friendships are revived, stories, and memories, of the past exchanged, and topped off with a good old fashioned rugby sing-a-long.

Further events planned will at the Sully Club on Saturday, December 17, and on New Year's Eve.

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BBC Wales' eight contenders for sports personality

AFTER one of the greatest years in Welsh sporting history, the eight contenders for the prestigious BBC Wales Sports Personality of the Year 2016 award have been revealed.

The contenders are:

• Paralympic javelin gold medalist **Hollie Arnold**, who enjoyed an unbeaten season in 2016.

• Wales international and Real Madrid Champions League winning footballer **Gareth Bale**, who was part of the Euro 2016 team that reached the semi-finals.

• Olympic cycling team pursuit gold medalist **Elinor Barker**, who also made an immediate impact after turning to individual competition.

• The reigning IBF World Featherweight Champion **Lee Selby**, who defended his title

this year. The award will be decided by public vote with the winner announced at the Wales Sport Awards 2016 on Monday 5 December at Hoddinott Hall in Cardiff.

Public voting, by phone and text, opens on Monday, November 28, until Saturday, December 3. Full details of how to vote will be given on Monday, November 28 at bbc.co.uk/sportwales

The shortlist was chosen by an expert panel made up of Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson; footballer Nathan Blake; Welsh Gymnastics chief executive Rhian Gibson; athlete Christian Malcolm and was chaired by former Wales rugby international Nigel Walker.

Fans can watch the Wales Sport Awards 2016 live from 7.30pm on Monday, December 5, at bbc.co.uk/sportwales, BBC iPlayer and the Red Button. The event will also be live on BBC Radio Wales.

Jade Jones, who successfully retained her Olympic title and also became European Champion in 2016.

• Olympic sailor **Hannah Mills**, who upgraded her London 2012 silver medal to gold in the 470 class at the 2016 Games in Rio.

• The reigning IBF World Featherweight Champion **Lee Selby**, who defended his title

Oxwich Bay wins

THE Evan Williams trained Oxwich Bay won the BetFred Mobile Standard Open National Hunt Flat race at Sedgfield on November 22 by two-and-three quarter lengths from Dear Sire, writes Brian Lee.

A 7-2 chance, *Oxwich Bay* was ridden by 7lb claiming jockey *Lewis Gordon*.

Evan's bandwagon keeps rolling on

THE Evan Williams bandwagon rolls on.

At Ludlow on Monday where he is leading trainer - he's saddled 41 winners there to date - he took the TotePlacePot Racing's Favourite Bet Maiden Hurdle with his four-year-old brown gelding *Old Salt* who, under stable jockey Paul Moloney, came home one-and-three-quarter lengths ahead of *Crievehill* at odds of 9-2.

Later in the Tote Pool Racing For All Your Racing News

Handicap Chase, Adam Wedge was successful on Evan's 10-year-old bay gelding *Tornado In Milan*, the 11-8 favourite.

Evan's other runner in this race, *Going Concern*, partnered by Paul Moloney, was still in with a chance when falling three fences from the finish.

Evan was winning this race for the third time having trained the winner in 2011 and 2013 while Paul brought his total of wins at Hereford to 24.

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Burial at Porthkerry Cemetery Tuesday, November 29, family only. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Samaritans at www.justgiving.com/LilianBerylThomas or c/o A.G. Adams & Son, Funeral Home, Tynwydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA.

LEWIS

Margaret Sheila

Peacefully after a long illness, Margaret, loving wife of the late Reverend Roy Lewis, will be sadly missed by all.

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DIMOND

Sheila Margaret

Peacefully at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry on November 21st, Sheila, aged 87 years. Beloved wife of the late Clifford, much loved mum to Christine and Karen. Loving mother-in-law of Kevan and the late Gary. A cherished nan of Nikki, David, Kelly and Tom, also an adored great nanna.

She will be dearly missed by all her family and many friends.

Resting in the Private Chapel of the Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at All Saints Church, Barry on Friday, December 2nd at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

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The market café will be open and we hope that
Griffin Park will be more accessible, as it is on the
main road and close to the bus stop.

Christmas Fair at the
Cathedral

CARDIFF Metropolitan Cathedral is holding its
Christmas fair at the cathedral in Charles Street
on Saturday, November 26.

The fair will open from 11am - 3pm and all are
welcome.

Bach choir in concert

ON Saturday, November 26, at the Royal Welsh
College of Music and Drama, Cardiff Bach Choir
will take a musical journey spanning five
centuries and featuring the music of Palestrina,
JS Bach, Josef Haydn, Schubert, and Bob
Chilcott.

Poetry Penned
on the Bont

THE next instalment of 'Penned on The
Bont' at Carnegie House in Bridgend will
be presented tonight (Thursday,
November 24) at 7.30pm.

It features the award-winning, bilingual
'Bloodaxe' poet Menna Elfyn, multi-award winning
Bridgend poet Robert Minihinnick, and an open mic.

Admission is £4. For more information, contact
01656 815 717 or go to bridgend.tc
@bridgend.gov.uk or www.carnegie.house.co.uk.

LIBRARY CAROLS

DINAS POWYS Community Library and
Activity Centre invites the public to
'Carols in the Library' with Dinas Powys
Primary School Choir, on Monday,
December 5 at 2.30pm.

It is the first social event organised on behalf of
the community library, which started life this month.
The library is located next to the primary school.

The library became self-governing following
detailed negotiations with the Vale Council.

Apart from supporting this event people will be
able to ask about volunteer opportunities.

Currently, the library has around 40 volunteer, but
is keen to sign up more.

Chris Franks, chair of the Library Trust, said: "We
are starting to make progress after the months of
challenging preparations. Already we have
developed a strong team to continue the excellent
work of the professional librarians."

Entrance £2 including refreshments. All
donations will go towards the library maintenance
costs and help to keep the library open.

It will reflect changing styles in church and
concert music from early renaissance, baroque,
classical and romantic, to 20th century jazz.

The choir, under conductor Luke Spencer, is
joined by Welsh soloists soprano Claire Watkins,
mezzo-soprano Eirlys Myfanwy Davies, tenor
Gareth Dafydd Morris, and baritone Edmund Caird,
who is studying at the RWCMD.

The choir will be accompanied by organist Philip
Aspen and pianist Sally Tarlton.

The Little Jazz Mass by Bob Chilcott will feature
a jazz duo of Ashley John Long on double bass and
Simon Blake on drums.

For more information, visit
www.cardiffbachoir.org.uk

Beach litter pick

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches' next litter pick will
be on Sunday, November 27 at Jackson's Bay,
Barry.

Volunteers should head down the path to the
beach and we meet at the toilet block at 3pm. Litter
pickers and bags provided, but wear suitable
clothing and footwear.

Children are always welcome but must be
accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers old and new welcomed to help keep
Barry's beaches clean.

Llancarfan Tuesday Club

LLANCARFAN Ladies' Tuesday Club's next
meeting will be on November 29 at 7.45pm in the
Llancarfan Village Hall; our speaker will be Mrs
Mary Grey who will be demonstrating a selection
of Christmas floral arrangements.

All are welcome, refreshments and raffle.

Age Connects Christmas fair

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health
Shop are holding a Christmas fair on Tuesday,
November 29.

The fair will be held in the Civic Offices from
10am - 12pm, admission free.

Cakes, home-made crafts, Christmas decorations,
floral gifts, jewellery, tombola, bric-a-brac and much
more; refreshments available.

A prize draw will be held with many attractive
prizes donated by local businesses. Tickets are 20p
each and the draw will take place at the fair. All
proceeds to Age Connects' Senior Health Shop.

Talk on preserves

LLANTWIT Major Horticultural Society's next
meeting is Wednesday, November 30 from
7.30pm at Llantwit Hall, Llantwit Major when
our speaker will be Nicole Burnett on 'Potted
Garden Delights - A Social History of
Preserving'.

New members and visitors always welcome.

Help with the Internet

ON Thursday, December 1 Bridgend Association
of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) will hold free
one-to-one sessions with voluntary organisations

and community groups to help them with funding
searches on the Internet.

"BAVO's funding service helps groups to
navigate the complexities of fundraising by sharing
knowledge, experience and expertise. BAVO will
help you learn to use their free online search tool,
BAVO 4 Community, and many other useful
sources," a spokeswoman said.

One-hour sessions are available from 10am -
4pm; advance booking is necessary; call BAVO on
01656 810400.

Jo's coffee morning

THE annual 'Jo's Coffee Morning' will be held
in Iltyd 216 between 10am and 12pm on
Thursday, December 1 (this is a change from the
normal Friday).

Tickets are £10, which will all go to Holme
Towers. Coffee, cake and raffle on the day.

Tenovus Lovelight concert

THE Friends of Tenovus, Bridgend have
organised a Lovelight Christmas concert on
December 2 at St Mary's Church, Noltan,
Bridgend at 7.30pm.

An evening of uplifting music and song, this is a
celebration to support everyone affected by cancer,
and to remember loved ones.

Bridgend choir will sing with St Bride's Major
School choir, and several solo performers in voice
and harp. Compèred by Huw Iwan Davies AM.

Tickets on sale now, £8 (concessions £4) from
Debbie Davies on 07719 425200.

Bridgend toy and train sale

ON Saturday, December 3 from 10.30am to 3pm
at Bridgend Leisure Centre, Angel Street (CF31
4AH) this event boasts a large car park, level and
easy access and an excellent in-house cafe as well
as being well-lit and warm.

Call 01643 702757 or 07966 694579, or
www.chrisdayfair.org for more information.

Light up Llancarfan

THE annual lighting of the Llancarfan Christmas
tree will take place on Sunday, December 4 at
6pm at the ford in Llancarfan.

There will be carols, mince pies and mulled wine
(weather permitting) and the lights will be turned on
by the winner of the Llancarfan Primary School
painting competition - to be announced.

Festive offerings

BARRY Town Mayor, Coun Charlotte Williams,
will be holding a Christmas coffee morning at St
Mary's Church on Monday, December 19,
10am-12pm to raise money for her three
charities.

Stalls will sell festive goodies and crafts. To book
a space, or for more information, contact
info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01446
738663.

CRAFTS FOR
CHRISTMAS AT ST
DONAT'S CASTLE

HERALDING the
start of the festive
season, Sunday,
December 4 sees the
return of 'Crafts for
Christmas' at St
Donat's Castle.

This popular annual
craft fair showcases a
mix of handmade crafts
and food exhibitors; the
perfect opportunity to
kick-start your Christmas
shopping!

There are 60 stalls to
browse, including some
first time exhibitors such
as Seahorse Driftwood,
The White Heart Gift
Company and Copper
Pot Fudge.

The organisers are
delighted to welcome
back the award-winning
artisan baker Alex Gooch
to the food hall. Alex
will be selling a range of
breads including

sourdough, ciabatta, focaccia, brioche and
foot.

Entrance fee to Crafts
for Christmas is £6 per
car or £2 per person on
foot.

It all takes place
10.30am to 4.30pm
Sunday, December 4.
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Llanguan
school news

WHEN I arrived at
the school on Friday
of last week, I was
surprised to find the
children and
teaching staff
wearing onesies.
this was for a very
worthy cause; it was
to raise money for
Children in Need.

If any reader of my
column would like to
donate to this very
worthy cause, please
contact the school.

Friends of Llanguan
School will be working
at the school on
Saturday, November 26
to install additional
fencing and gates in the
school car park.

Once again, a big
thank you to John
Homfray of Penllynne
Estates for his kind
donation towards the
materials, and the
wonderful helpers, who

will be coming to do the
work. Hopefully, the
sun will shine.

Dates for
your diary
SARON Chapel
Christmas fayre - Go
along to Treos Village
Hall on Sunday,
November 27 between
10am and 12.30pm with
lots of lovely gifts to
buy and a chance to
meet up with friends and
neighbours.

Children's Christmas
carol service - on
Sunday, December 11 at
3pm at Saron Chapel,
Treos.

Christmas Eve - Go
along to Saron on
December 24, when
everyone will receive a
warm welcome.

St Canna's, Llangan -
the annual non-
Eucharist service of
lessons and arols will be
held on December 11 at
11.15am. Everyone will
be assured of a warm
welcome. This
celebration will be
followed by mince pies.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS IN FINAL OF THE WALES SPORT AWARDS

THREE sports volunteers from Bridgend county borough have been shortlisted as finalists in the Wales Sport Awards, the country's biggest annual celebration of elite and grassroots sport.

Sixteen-year-old Megan Curling from Maesteg is in the running for Young Volunteer of the Year, while 24-year-old Jamie Evans from Brackla is a finalist in the Young Coach of the Year category and Emily Griffiths, also 24 and from Brackla, is being recognised in the Coach to Disabled People category.

Megan Curling's nomination is due to her volunteering role within the Girls Network, where she's helping to get more young girls into physical activity, and also delivering multi-skills sport sessions to youngsters at her old school, Garth Primary.

Megan's commitment to grassroots sport doesn't stop there – she is also a volunteer coach at Maesteg Trampoline Club where she supports young children to take part in physical activity from a young age.

Young coach contender Jamie Evans is the head coach at Pencoed Gymnastics and Tumbling Club and also coaches the Welsh Tumbling team as one of the very few tumbling coaches in Wales with high level qualifications.

After attending Pencoed Tumbling Club from a young age, Jamie took over as Head Coach when the club faced closure in 2012. The club is one of the most successful in Wales, and recently saw four of its members competing in the British Tumbling Finals.

The third local award contender, Emily Griffiths, volunteers as Head Coach for the South Wales Titans,

which is a Paralympic swim academy covering Cardiff, the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend County Borough.

Emily, whose day job is Sports Recovery Co-ordinator for Help for Heroes, has had a busy year after being selected to coach Team UK at the Invictus Games and was also appointed Head Coach for the Warrior Games.

Her hard work has also earned her a spot as a Swim Wales coach for the Para-Swimming National Championships.

The Wales Sport Awards is organised jointly by Sport Wales and BBC Wales to celebrate volunteers for their outstanding contributions to community sport throughout Wales, and the winners will be announced at a celebratory awards ceremony in Cardiff on December 5.

Coun Huw David, Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, said: "We're so proud to have three Bridgend County Borough coaches recognised at these prestigious awards."

"Megan Curling is a great example of how our AYPD leadership pathway is creating young volunteers who are in-turn developing opportunities for other young people within the county borough to be active and healthy. These volunteers are inspirational with the work they do and their commitment to helping others."

"I'd like to say a huge well done to Megan, Jamie and Emily for selflessly giving up their time to volunteer and for contributing to grass roots sports opportunities. We wish them all the best for the final of the Wales Sport Awards."

You can find out more about the awards at www.walesportawards.co.uk



Megan Curling, pictured second from right with members of the Girls Network, is in the running for Young Volunteer of the Year.



LEFT: Jamie Evans, Head Coach at Pencoed Gymnastics and Tumbling Club, is a finalist in the Young Coach of the Year category.



RIGHT: Emily Griffiths, who is Head Coach for the South Wales Titans Paralympic swim academy has been shortlisted for the Coach to Disabled People award.

Latest Barry and District League results

LATEST results for the Barry and District League are as follows:

Crib division 1: West End 6, Moors Boys 9; Wyndham Cons 3, Rhooose Social 12.
League Table: Rhooose Social 72, Liberals 70, Wyndham Cons 65, Moors Boys 60, West End 58, Cadoxton Cons 57, West End Runaways 53.
Skittles division 1: Sea View B 6, Rugby Club 1; King William XII 5½, Barries Boys 1½; Allsorts 6, Rhooose Social A 1; Slammers 6, Cambrian Flyers 1; Liberals C 1½, Rhooosters 5½; Rhooose Social C 2½, Liberals A 4½; West End D 5½, West End C 1½.
League table: King William XII 42.0; West End D 40.5; Rhooose Social B 37.0; West End C 35.0; Rhooosters 33.0; Allsorts 32.0; Barries Boys 30.5; Rugby Club 29.5; Liberals C 25.5; Sea View B 25.0; Rhooose Social C 24.0; Rhooose Social A 23.5, Slammers 22.5; Cambrian Flyers 17.5; Liberals A 16.5.
Snooker Division 1: Rhooose Social C 0, Harbour B 51, Cadoxton Cons B 1, Cadoxton Cons Z 4, Savoy A 5, Wyndham Cons A 0, Penarth Cons A 1, West End C 4, Penarth Cons B, Services Social B 3.
League Table: Savoy A 43; Harbour B 39, Cadoxton Cons Z 32; Cadoxton Cons B 24; Wyndham Cons A 23; Penarth Cons A 20; Services Social B 20; Rhooose Social B 19; West End C 18; Rhooose Social C 16; Penarth Cons B 11.
Snooker Division 2: Wyndham Cons C 3, Wyndham Cons D 2, Harbour A 4, Cadoxton Cons A 1; Savoy B 5, Sully Sports A 0; West End B 1, Market Street B 4.
League Table: Liberators 31, Savoy B 31, Wyndham Cons C 30, Harbour A 28, Market Street B 28, Market Street C 25, Cadoxton Cons A 24, West End A 19, West End B 19; Sully Sports A 18, Wyndham Cons D 17.

Ben's busy weekend sees him land gold!



BEN Moore, a year-seven pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, has had

another busy weekend, taking gold at the Welsh Championships on Saturday.

This secured his place in the Welsh pre-Cadet squad for 2016/2017 saw him become Welsh Champion 2016 in the under-12s under-42kg.

This was then topped off by battling his way to gold again in the British Judo Council (BJC) Nationals to become BJC champion for 2016.

He has put in a great foundation ahead of the international selection for Holland, which takes place next weekend.

LAST DINNER OF THE YEAR FOR THE BRYNHILL GOLFING LADIES



ON Friday, November 18, the Brynhill Golf Club ladies' section attended their last dinner of the year under the captaincy of Mrs. Liz Fine.

The ladies' captain thanked all the ladies' for their support during her term of office. Liz hands over the reins of running the ladies' section to Olwen Thomas at the ladies' AGM on Tuesday, November 22.

Liz and Olwen presented prizes to some of the ladies who had won competitions over the last few months. The captain and vice-captain entered into the spirit of



Children in Need and dressed up in their pyjamas for the occasion!

expertly decorated with a Pudsey Bear by Julie Harkin. The cake was raffled and £105 was raised for Children in Need. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Results: Texas Scramble winners: Gemma Evans, Linda Hewlett, Andrea Page and Norma Phillips; Birdie tree winner: Gemma Evans; Par tree winner: Lisa Taylor, Shirley O' Donovan. Nett winner winter eclectic: Shirley O'Donovan; Gross winner winter eclectic: Jan Robertson; Nett winner summer eclectic: Lisa Taylor; Gross winner summer eclectic: Jan Robertson.

JK



TEN WELSH BOWLERS HEAD DOWN UNDER!

TEN Welsh bowlers will be making the trip to New Zealand later this month to take part in the World Bowls Championships.

Held every four years, the sport's showpiece competition is being held in Christchurch, with players from 34 nations competing for honours from November 29 until December 11.

The Welsh squad has qualified male and females bowlers across all disciplines – singles, pairs, triples and fours – and will send five men and five women to compete across the competition.

Commonwealth Games medallists

Robert Weale, Anwen Butten, Marc Wyatt and Jonathan Tomlinson are among those who will make the trip.

Hazel Wilson, women's senior team manager, commented: "We qualified across all the disciplines at the Atlantic Championships in Cyprus last year, so this is another positive step for bowls in Wales."

"We'll be competing against the best in the world and it's a huge challenge for our bowlers, but one we've been working hard to prepare for. We've played a test match against Scotland as part of the build-up."

"We're expecting the greens to be quick given the warm weather at this

time of year.

"We've got a good blend in our squads so we're all looking forward to getting started now."

PB

Barry RFC are ready for action

IT'S back to league action this Saturday when Barry RFC entertain Old Iltydians with the early 1.30pm kick off due to the Wales v South Africa game, which begins at 5.30pm.

Following these matches, the club's Christmas draw will take place and the lottery, with this week's prize fund at £3,000.

Those selling draw tickets are asked to leave monies and counterfoils at the bar with Carol by Friday night.

Last week's lottery numbers were 07, 10, 13 and 23.

AJ

An excellent performance from Cowbridge RFC under-16s

LAST Sunday, Cowbridge under-16s produced an excellent performance to deliver a hard fought away victory at Caldicot RFC.

The victory was even sweeter because the team had to play the entire match with only 14 players.

The boys got off to a great start with an early try from their captain, Jack Little. Evan Thomas put the team deep into the Caldicot 22 with a superb clearing kick.

From the line-out Iestyn Fenn put the Caldicot line out under enormous pressure. This caused Caldicot to knock the ball on. Cowbridge were awarded a scrum five metres from the Caldicot line.

Little picked the ball up and ran hard at the Caldicot line, quickly recycled ball allowed Ioan Williams to get his backs moving. A simple scissor move in the backs brought the ball back to the forwards. Jake Cannon.

The Cowbridge hooker, picked the ball up and ran down the blind-side and made a subtle off load to Little who forced his way over the line. Caldicot under-16s 0, Cowbridge under-16s 5.

Caldicot came back hard at Cowbridge, and it was a brilliant defensive set that kept the much larger Caldicot pack away from the Cowbridge line.

A text-book turnover from Ben Jones allowed Thomas to clear his lines again with a huge kick. A disciplined chase by all the backs put the Caldicot full back under

pressure which resulted in Cowbridge being awarded a penalty. Ioan Williams took the three points.

Once again Caldicot put Cowbridge under intense pressure straight from the kick off. Cowbridge defence held their nerve and defended their line heroically.

From a turnover just outside his own 22, Thomas put in a high clearing kick, which Harry Ridge, the Cowbridge outside centre to caught just before the Caldicot full-back.

Ridge then showed great pace to make to the try line without a hand being laid on him. Ioan Williams converted to make it Caldicot under-16s 0, Cowbridge under-16s 15.

Just before half-time Caldicot got a well-deserved try of their own. From a line out five metres from the Cowbridge line, Caldicot executed an excellent rolling maul to get onto the score sheet.

The half-time score was Caldicot under-16s 5, Cowbridge under-16s 15.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first, with Caldicot on the attack but Cowbridge defending incredibly well.

With the penalty count growing, the Cowbridge coaches were becoming increasingly frustrated with their team's lack of discipline.

After an energy sapping 10 minutes of defensive pressure Cowbridge managed to clear their lines. Cowbridge next score was created on the training ground and pleased the coaches to see their hard work in training coming off during a game.

Quick ball out of the line out from Barney Langton-Cryer allowed Williams to give Thomas great quick ball.

With a few dummy runners, Thomas delayed his pass just enough to put Jack Dixon clear to score under the posts. Williams converted to make it Caldicot under-16s 5, Cowbridge under-16s 22.

With the last play of the game Caldicot managed a very similar try to the one that closed out the first half to make the final score 10-22.

GJ

CAVC's Jamie coaches Yeovil to promotion

CARDIFF and Vale College head of football Jamie Sherwood has seen the team he is Manager and Head Coach of, Yeovil Town Ladies, secure promotion to the top division of the Women's Super League.

The Lady Glovers beat Sheffield FC 3-0, seeing them claim the FA Women's Super League 2 title. They had already confirmed promotion from the Women's Super League 2 to the top flight of female football with an early win against London Bees.

Jamie joined CAVC in 2015 from the Welsh Football Trust, taking charge of the College's Football Academy. Bringing with him a wealth of experience in the game, Jamie has been involved in professional football since the age of 14, playing in clubs such as Everton FC and Torquay United FC.

At the age of 18 Jamie started his coaching career and has worked as Newport Men's Manager and led the Welsh University Games in Edinburgh. He developed a women's football programme at Cardiff City FC and has worked to develop the women's game in both the UK and UK, and is currently First Team Manager at Yeovil Town Ladies FC.

CAVC's Football Academy offers talented footballers aged 16-19 a comprehensive player development programme to develop their skills both on and off the pitch in a professional environment. The Academy places a strong emphasis on balancing sporting performance with educational achievement.

Since starting at the College, Jamie has built up the CAVC Ladies Football Academy. Team CAVs, the College's first female squad, triumphed earlier this year by winning the Welsh College's Football Association Female Cup.

CAVC Head of Sport, Public Services and Academies, James



Young, said: "Jamie has been a great addition to the College's Sports department in the short time he has been head of football. His passion and experience for football development and coaching at all levels, especially in the female game, has led to the development and the CAVC Female Academy programme, which has entered the Association of Colleges Elite competition.

"What Jamie has achieved with the Yeovil Ladies FC team is fantastic. However, it does not surprise me as his commitment and attention to detail is outstanding. He is a real payer-focused manager who understands every player's strengths and needs.

"Everyone at Cardiff and Vale College wishes Jamie all the best for the forthcoming season as his Yeovil Ladies squad face the best female teams in the English football system."

Jamie said: "I feel that Yeovil Town Ladies FC has benefited from my day-to-day work with the CAVC Football Academy. To be able to focus my coaching and management with the Academy allows me to refine the skills needed to develop the club.

"The daily opportunities to work with players individually and collectively develops me as a coach and what has been achieved has been attributed to the work I do daily with CAVC Football Academy. To see Yeovil Town Ladies FC now competing in the highest domestic league in the female game and one of the strongest leagues in European football is a highlight of my footballing career.

"I am immensely proud of the work done at YTLFC but that will have to continue to allow us to develop the club to move forward continually and the same applies to the CAVC Football Academy – we have the desire to improve, become stronger and develop further competitive playing opportunities within the College. I am hungry to drive and deliver both on and off the pitch for CAVC Football Academy and YTLFC."

BRIAN LEE



Les Cundliffe, Ivor Robinson, Howard Craven and Jack Hartman competition winner Roy Harding.

TROPHIES AWARDED AT CADOXTON BOWLS CLUB



Personality of the year winner Ewan Heppenstall.



Club secretary David Fanning, club treasurer Don Kuhnell, and new boy John Papoutsou with their Triples competition award.

WHETHER you are still at school or enjoying your retirement, lawn bowling offers you a wide range of healthy and challenging benefits.

That's the message from David Fanning, president of the South Vale District Bowling Association, commenting on the recent awards presentation evening of Cadoxton Bowling Club, which honoured members in their first year of membership and those who have belonged to the club for many years.

Ewan Heppenstall, the club's youngest and most energetic member, celebrated the past season by winning the novice competition and by being voted personality of the year.

Another new member, John Papoutsou, joined with long-standing

members club secretary David Fanning and club treasurer Don Kuhnell in winning the triples competition, while newcomer Will Craven marked a successful first year by winning a tightly-fought championship competition before teaming up with his father, club captain Howard Craven, to win the pairs competition.

At the other end of the spectrum, club stalwart Roy Harding tightened his grip on the Jack Hartman trophy for the over-60s by winning it again in an entertaining match against fellow veteran Ivor Robinson.

"All in all," said club president Les Cundliffe, "the evening underlined the splendid enthusiasm and high playing standards of the club's playing members and was a fitting climax to the club's 108th season."

DF



Championship winner Will Craven.

Vale under-15s kick off with win

THE Vale of Glamorgan under-15s squad opened their Dewar Shield campaign with a hard-fought 26-0 win over Llanelli Schools.

Playing under floodlights on Canton RFC's new 4G pitch, the opening exchanges were fairly even, before Ioan Copper opened the scoring with a try in the corner, converting his own try for a 7-0 lead.

Undaunted, Llanelli fought back with a series of driving mauls from the lineout before releasing their back line, but the Vale defence held firm and the Vale extended their lead with another try from Evan Lloyd, again converted by Ioan.



The second half began with Llanelli taking the game to the Vale, attacking deep into Vale territory, but the well-drilled defence held, and with Llanelli giving away a number of penalties the pressure was relieved.

Quick ball from the scrum saw Benji Williams crash over for a third Vale try to take the score to 19-0. A final well-worked try from Iestyn Galton and a further conversion from Ioan Copper took the score to 26-0.

The squad would like to thank their coaches and parents for their help and support and

their kit sponsors Apricot Online.

The Vale's next Dewar Shield match is an away tie against north Wales school RGC West.

You can follow the team's progress on Twitter, @ValeSchoolsU15.

MV

Elisha to represent South Wales



Congratulations to Elisha Plant of Llantwit Major Comprehensive School who has been chosen to play football for South Wales. Elisha trains with the Sully Pinks every Friday and plays a match most Sundays. Well done Elisha, we are proud of you!

Flint wins in Fakenham

VALE trainer John Flint saw his nine-year-old boy gelding Taroum come home three lengths ahead of fellow Vale trainer Evan Williams' Jonagold, the 2-1 favourite, in the opening selling handicap hurdle at Fakenham on Tuesday.

Taroum, who went off at odds of 7-2, was ridden by Tom O'Brien.

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Dinas Ladies' put four past the Willows

WILLOWS haven't occupied a top three space in the league all season for no reason – so visitors Dinas Powys Ladies were always going to push the home team in this encounter.

Making her first start since signing, Demi Bounds reacted fastest in the penalty area when Rachel Beare contested a corner with the keeper and the young Dinas forward rifled home from five yards to give the villagers a dream start.

As the half wore on, Dinas took control of the play, creating enough good chances to be at least a couple up but poor finishing and a keeper in inspired form proved the difference.

At the break the girls were kindly reminded what was required to get the job done and the reaction was superb.

Laura Murray showed why the coaches have faith in her as she coolly rounded the keeper to double the lead.

The introduction of Taylor Page had the desired affect as she assisted again with a through ball for Murray. There was still plenty to do though and the Dinas striker showed a calm head to add the third.

The Villagers' defence is now running like a well-oiled machine, giving few opportunities for any teams

as they cover and work tirelessly for each other, led by skipper Leanne Pattermore, Alex Allen, Rachel Beare and Kelly Tuck.

Recent signing Nao has formed a formidable trio with Sam Saunders and Joey Jones in the middle, all looking to play, and they kept the home side on the front foot with very little sideways or backwards play.

Willows, to their credit, always tried to play and they have a great mixture of youth and experience which made the game very entertaining from a neutral perspective.

Skipper Sam Taylor held her team together and former Dinas players, Brooke Howells and Holly Rye, put in very good displays.

With 20 minutes remaining, a rush of blood to Rachel Beare's head resulted in her chopping down the visiting winger in the box, but thankfully Wilson stood strong and watched it sail over the bar.

Nao drove her team on and Murray completed her hat-trick with a rasping strike in off the keeper.

Laura Lewis deservedly picked up player of the match as she was a thorn in visitors' side for the whole 90 minutes with a very mature display.

LS

Lyn coaches local young rugby players



ON a night of shocking weather and torrential rain, the Llantwit Major under-12 and under-13 rugby players turned out in force for training with a spring in their step.

The reason was that former Ospreys and Dragons coach Lyn Jones was coming to the club to talk to them about working hard, achieving your goals and being the best you can be as sportsman and rugby players.

The evening started with an inspirational talk from Lyn telling the boys to work hard, put in the extra effort and learn how to train effectively in order to improve.

He spoke to them about his path to the Welsh jersey and the

work needed to achieve in both playing and coaching.

The boys would have happily sat and listened for the whole evening, but despite the wind and driving rain, a training session was also going to take place for both age groups.

The boys all worked hard in the drills set by Lyn and discussed how it is often the basics done well time and time again that can help a good player become a great one.

While all the players, coaches and parents went home soaked to the skin it was a fantastic evening and the players and coaches would like to thank Lyn Jones for giving up his time to come and talk to the boys and put them through their paces.

AI

News from Porthcawl Bridge Club

THIS past week the club heard the sad news that one of its founder members, Linda Saunders aged 100, passed away.

Besides being a very accomplished player herself, she taught her daughter Tricia, our club secretary, the arts of the game - the club sends its condolences to all her family.

The club took part in the Children In Need Simultaneous Pairs, a competition played internationally over the same set of hands, and scored centrally, with the proceeds being donated to CIN. Over £160 was raised for this worthy cause – Pat Haworth and Pat Roper won the local event.

Recent results: Thursday, November 3, First – Dil and Marian Evans; Second – Rob

Charlesworth and John Beard. Saturday, November 5, First – Connie Dick and Marian Evans; Second – Maurice and Margaret Harris. Thursday, November 10, First – Pat Roper and John Cobby; Second – Maurice and Margaret Harris.

Saturday, November 12, First – Connie Dick and Roger Dapper; Second – Tony Haworth and Kevin Maddox. Thursday, November 17, Children In Need Simultaneous Pairs, First – Pat Haworth and Pat Roper; Second Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.

The club meets twice a week, Saturday and Thursday, at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 7pm-10.15pm, visitors are welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call our secretary, Trish, on 01656 785794.

TH

Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

LAST week's star game had to be Borough Arms versus Tadcross Hotel.

After previous defeats for both teams, both were desperate for a win.

Les Ashton of the Borough started the rout winning the first frame of the evening. The Borough were now on a roll, winning frame after frame with major contributions from Andrew Churchill, Nicholas Meadows and Robert Larkin, who came close to a eight-ball clearance from the break.

The scoreline did not do justice to some of the play by Tadcross, and it was a disappointing night for Leah and her players.

Small consolation for Leah was her award of best player by the

Borough Arms players, who were over the moon with their 10-0 win.

The Billy United were too strong for Cocopops with a comfortable 7-3 win for the travellers. Single wins for Martin Pring, Gary Roberts, Ross Jones, Dan Roderick, John Farrugia and Tony Mullins gave the Billy a 6-2 advantage.

With the points in the doubles being shared, the result was a 7-3 win for the Billy United.

At Barry Island, the game at Finnegan's saw another impressive win for the Whitchill Hotel, who now head the league.

The 9-1 scoreline flatters to deceive as most games could have gone either way. The truly remarkable Chris Bardsley won all three of his games and in game five his opponent,

the recently signed Les Mason, could only watch in awe as Chris broke off left handed then proceeded to clear all his balls, playing right handed, all in one visit.

Chris now earns himself an eight ball trophy to add to his burgeoning trophy cabinet.

Special mention for birthday girl Sian Kedward, who won comfortably, and Ian Hill who again won all his games, and his record so far in the league is played nine, won nine.

We are still looking for new players of all capabilities to join, compete and have fun on a Thursday night.

Text Joe on 07870 498738 or email us at Valeofglamorganpoolleague@gmail.com.

JB

Mixed results in knockout cup for Barry chess teams

THIS week there was a respite from the weekly grind of league matches.

It was, however, the first round of the East Glamorgan knockout cup.

The Barry Chess Club had two teams entered and fortunately they were drawn in different halves of the competition. In league matches the teams are made up of five players, however in the cup there are only four players in each team to ensure we both have the white pieces in two matches and the black pieces in two matches.

The first team to play was the A team. We were drawn at home to last year's runners-up, Pentrych.

We were able to put out a team consisting of four players with ratings of 1800 or above.

Having beaten Pentrych in the league already, we hoped or assumed we would win this match as well.

We drew on bottom board but managed to win on the others to give us a 3.5-0.5 victory to take us safely into round two.

We have been drawn at home again but this time will take on the cup favourites North Cardiff A.

Revenge for our league defeat would be nice but we will need to play exceptionally well and have our strongest players if we are to continue in the competition after the next round takes place in February.

Our B side were not so lucky – they were drawn away to Pontypridd.

Three of their players outranked all of our team and their player on

bottom board outranked three of our players as well.

There were excellent draws for Stephen Bonotto on board 2 and Tom Cooke on board 4.

Unfortunately that was all we could muster so the match ended with a 3-1 victory for Pontypridd.

Good luck to them in their next match which will be at home against either Bridgend or Rhondda.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to

players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>

PHIL JONES

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, November 15, a full programme of league matches in the Cowbridge Darts League was completed.

The Edmondson B defeated the Edmondson A 7-2. In this match James Rosser (Edmondson A) by hitting a 110 out became the sixth player to join the 'three-dart-out over 100' club. There was also a high scoring, 76 two-dart-out by Martin Gaffney (Edmondson B).

The Hairy Farmers beat the Victoria Inn 6-3 and the Edmondson C won 5-4 over Llanharry. The Six Bells Inn, after taking a 4-0 early lead, eventually beat the Farmers Arms 5-4.

This allowed the Highwayman Inn to close in on second place by winning 8-1 against the Red Lion.

Present league standings, after eight weeks, are: Edmondson B (51 points), Six Bells Inn (48), Highwayman Inn (47), Edmondson A (40), Llanharry (38), Edmondson C and Hairy Farmers (35), Farmers Arms (34), Victoria Inn (27) and Red Lion (5).

Next week (Tuesday, November 29) the Edmondson Arms will host a mid season finals night. The finals of the following knockout competitions will be played - the Clive Blick Trophy, the Fours and the Mixed Doubles.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cwbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results

THE latest results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for week commencing November 14 are as follows:

Division One:

Allsorts (C Newall 29) 256, SV Gals (J Richards 29) 251; Bobby's Girls (J Barnett 27) 236, Family and Friends (H James 26) 254; Family Affair (C Grubb, V Ahern 28) 256, Bakers Dozen (B

Martin 28) 251; Space Finders (C Cushen 34) 325, Red Admiral (B Perry, S Clements 30) 313; Colcot Ladies (B Wilkins 26) 238, Barry Stars (C Lambeth 29) 268; Coppers (G Reilly, D Nesbitt 32) 330, Special Angels (P Grisdale, B Taylor 32) 282.

Division Two: S V Lights (B Kenefick 34) 307, Roller Coasters (J Mills 29) 288, Castaways (S Billings, J Byrne 28) 274, Cad Con Fillies (B Heard 29) 261, Clickies (E Walters, K Watts 27) 261, Breakaways (L Burnett 36) 326; Airway Angels (L Davies 27) 23, Witchill Widows (M Curry 28) 234; Rhoeuse Starlights (Liz Davies 28) 251, Witchill Weebies (S Hillier 25) 227.

Division Three: Etcetera (K Baker, J Barton 26) 239, Vixens (L Grey 23) 196; Witches (M Allen, P Cookson 24) 236, Rugby Triers (J Davies 29) 250; La Belles (E Cordy 36) 316, Hill Billies (J Lomas 33) 308; S V Ladies (G Griffiths 36) 317, Challengers (P Carpenter 29) 275; Uptown Girls (J Cosslett, J Marsh 24) 207, Westenders (D Andrews 22) 211.

Division Four: Guardian Angels (Nie Overton 26) 242, Nite Outers (L Newman 22) 160; Odd Bods (T Cerian, R Perry 25) 208, Optimists (C George 29) 227.

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

VALE trainer Evan Williams had plenty to celebrate at Exeter on Sunday.

His Evening Hush landed the Bathwick Tyres Bridgwater Juvenile Hurdle at odds of 8-1 and 40 minutes or so later his On The Road took the Bathwick Tyres Taunton Handicap Hurdle at the much shorter odds of 13-8.

Evening Hush, a three-year-old filly and a winner on the flat in Tipperary in May, had two-and-a-half lengths to spare over the well fancied Litterale and his six-year-old bay gelding On The Road, who was chalking-up a four-timer, finished three-and-a-half lengths of Samson.

Moloney is riding better than ever since he was sidelined owing to injury earlier this year.

FLINT STRIKES AGAIN

Vale trainer John Flint had plenty to smile about at Ascot last Friday.

His five-year-old EddieMaurice landed the £18,768 Canaccord Genuity Handicap Hurdle, getting home by a neck from Favourite Girl.

Partnered by Aidan Coleman, EddieMaurice was returned at odds of 9-2.

At Ffos Las, Evan Williams' Gayebury, ridden by Adam Wedge, was a three lengths winner of the opening Totepool Live Info Download APP Maiden Handicap Hurdle, finishing three lengths in front of Forza Milan.

Wedge, riding for Williams at Haydock 24 hours later, took the Read Paul Nicholls Exclusively On Betfair Handicap Hurdle on the top-weighted Clyne, who had seven lengths to spare over the Philip Hobbs-trained Verni.

Six-year-old Clyne, who was racing for the first time in 280 days, was winning for the third time on the trot.

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WALES 33 PTS JAPAN 30 PTS ROOKIE GETS TEAM OUT OF JAIL



After Welsh rugby's latest rocky horror show produces fresh storm of criticism... Coaches know they have to get things right against Springboks

BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John

LEFT: Sam Davies' drop goal saves the day. RIGHT: Fukuoka scores the try of the day. BELOW: Jamie Roberts crashes through a wall of defenders to touch down. BELOW, CENTRE: Alun Wyn Jones on the charge to set up skipper Sam Warburton for a try under the posts. BELOW RIGHT: Dan Lydiate grounds the ball for Wales' first try, with Warburton in support.

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"It felt more like a loss... I thought Japan were the better side and deserved to win..."

CARETAKER head coach Robert Howley unwittingly voiced the thoughts of stunned fans in clubs up and down the land, after watching the latest version of Welsh rugby's rocky horror show at a packed out Principality Stadium in Cardiff on Saturday.

With barely six minutes remaining to full time in the third match of the Under Armour Series, the aptly-named 'Brave Blossoms' had capped an impressive, all-action display with a third converted try that would have deservedly earned the so-called international 'minnows' a shock 30-30 draw against a much higher ranked team loaded with British Lions – and had threatened an even greater upset.

This was only avoided, literally on the stroke of full time, by a snap drop goal from 23-year-old replacement outside half Sam Davies. Unaccountably, he had been kept waiting on the sidelines until the 67th minute, before finally being given the coaches' nod to make a belated but decisive

entry that edged his nervy team home 33-30.

Not for the first time this autumn, a woefully misfiring Wales side had been found wanting and the relief on the faces of both players and coaches at the final whistle was palpable, with captain Sam Warburton candidly admitting, "We got out of jail!"

Before last Saturday, Wales had played Japan nine times in full internationals – all but two hopelessly one-sided affairs, including a 98-0 whitewash in Cardiff in autumn 2004 – but all that changed in the Land of the Rising Sun on June 15, 2013.

That was the historic day a certain Eddie Jones, Wales's head coach at the time, engineered a stunning 23-8 victory for the Brave Blossoms over a Wales touring team missing stars on British & Irish Lions duty in his native Australia, but containing several who are still in the present squad.

Now at the helm of high-flying England, who avoided any risk of a giant-killing shock at Twickenham with a 58-15 win over brave but battered Fiji on Saturday, Jones was scathing about the "complacent" Welsh performance against his erstwhile charges.

"When you look at the side Wales put out, they shouldn't be winning by three points against a Japanese team with seven or eight new caps".

True, but complacency may not be the first word that comes to mind for

disenchanted Welsh supporters who have had to endure a succession of sub-standard displays from their national team of late.

It is true, though, that an all too common pattern of costly slow starts is far too easily explained away as a "traditional weakness" that can be rectified later.

That may well have been true when confident Welsh players were sweeping all before them and winning Grand Slams and championships – but not when a team low on confidence is gripped by inertia, often allowing opponents to build a near unassailable lead by half time, as was seen, for example, in the first autumn match against Australia.

While the home team's supine showing that day was, thankfully, not repeated on Saturday, laboured, error-strewn efforts were in stark contrast to the skill and inventiveness shown by livewire visitors who had clearly targeted this game as one they were eminently capable of winning.

That they were more than able to hold their own up front, outplay their hosts behind, and match the three Welsh tries by Dan Lydiate, Jamie Roberts, and Sam Warburton with three of their own, including the pick of them all by flying wing Kenki Fukuoka, spoke volumes.

In the end, the Welsh camp acknowledged that a humiliating defeat had only narrowly

been avoided by the dependable boot of Leigh Halfpenny and that Sam Davies drop goal right at the death.

Inevitably, this latest abject performance has prompted a storm of criticism from all quarters, as national pundits and social media ponder the question of why it is that one of the most talented and successful, Welsh squads of the modern era, has undergone such a drastic decline in its fortunes?

Why is it that this once tightly-knit group who have rightly won praise around the rugby-playing world, have slipped so far below previously high standards, and appear to have lost their way, both tactically and in terms of clinical execution?

There has been much talk of developing a new style, but there has been little evidence so far of a successful transition, with apparent confusion on the field of play as to what the new game plan actually is.

It puts Howley and his embattled fellow coaches firmly in the spotlight as they prepare for the final clash of the autumn series against South Africa in Cardiff on Saturday.

They will be hoping for a vastly improved performance to silence the rising criticism, knowing that victory by itself, though essential, may still not be enough to do so.